The Methodist Woman

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OFFICERS' LETTER FILE
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CHART YOUR COURSE

1952-1953 Calendar of Special Activities

for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild

This calendar is a suggested guide for the special activities of the year. Adapt it to meet the needs of your organization. Check your course each month with goal chart.

The Program and Worship Books, *Proclaim the Good News,* plus articles from THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, are essential for informational, inspirational programs on the work of the Woman's Division. Make plans early and secure all necessary material well in advance of need. Unless otherwise noted, order all literature from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or the Distributing Offices.

The secretary of Promotion should see that all reports are mailed quarterly: by June 1, September 1, December 1, March 1,
The treasurer should remit quarterly receipts to conference (or district) treasurer: by August 5, November 5, February 5, and May 10.

THEME AND EMPHASES 1952-1956

THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED

1. WE WILL SEEK TO GROW AS CHRISTIANS.
2. WE WILL SEEK TO BRING OTHERS INTO THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD.
3. WE WILL SEEK WITH CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE THE SUSTAINING FELLOWSHIP AND POWER OF A WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
4. WE WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO WORK FOR "THE THINGS THAT BELONG UNTO PEACE."
5. WE WILL PROCLAIM THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH TO BE GOD'S PLAN FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD TO THIS END WE WILL WORK TO MAKE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLES EVERYWHERE, TO PERSUADE THEM TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLES, AND TO FOSTER THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPANSION OF THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
6. WE WILL ACCEPT THE PRICE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.

JUNE — Program—All Children Our Concern

Promotion: Plan with president and Committee on Membership to enlist every church woman as a member. Present Goals and create enthusiasm for plans.

Missionary Education: Channel missionary information through all available sources.

Student Work: Welcome students home. Cooperate in plans for Methodist Student Day, June 8.

Youth Work: Urge financial and leadership participation in summer agencies for youth.

Children's Work: Help in vacation church school.

Literature and Publications: Order Program and Worship Books, *Proclaim the Good News;* also new *Prayer Calendar.*

JULY — Program—"Let the Earth Be Glad"

Missionary Education: Present missionary news at your monthly meeting. (See "Missionary Bulletin Board" in THE METHODIST WOMAN, "Letters" in WORLD OUTLOOK, or reports of Executive Secretaries in *Twelfth Annual Report.*)

Student Work: See that students participate in all programs possible. Send Student Information Cards to Wesley Foundation director or to pastor of church near campus. Send Introduction Cards to service men and women.

Program Committee: Evaluate programs of past year. Study all new materials, programs, and textbooks. Begin plans for society and circle programs and classes for approved studies.

AUGUST — Program—"Partners in Obedience"

Treasurer: Send first quarter's receipts by August 5.

Missionary Education: Make plans to attend the district educational seminar. Carry out the first suggestion on page 280 of *Twelfth Annual Report.*

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Initiate plans in cooperation with secretary of Status of Women for special fall meetings to discuss *the issues of peace and the general election.* (See THE METHODIST WOMAN, July-August, 1952.)

Supply Work: Ask circle members to make or bring requested articles for Home Mission institutions. A summer Christmas

Literature and Publications: Suggest literature for Christmas gifts, especially THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK and the *Prayer Calendar.*

Program Committee: Plan next quarter's programs in detail.

Officers: Fill out reports for the secretary of Promotion to mail.

DECEMBER — Program—"Good Tidings of Great Joy"

Missionary Education: Tell stories culled from THE METHODIST WOMAN of Christmas observances in missionary projects.

Student Work: Observe Student Recognition Day,[2] December 28.

Status of Women: Support one community project for the betterment of women.

Membership: Plan to welcome new members in January.

JANUARY, 1953 — Program—Modern Samaritans

General: Epiphany recognition service for new members.

Promotion: Focus attention on Goals and indicate progress.

Missionary Education: Begin study of "Preface to Bible Study." Cooperate with pastor in the church-wide study whenever held.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Plan special Human Rights Workshops in district and local communities. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN, November, 1952.)

Youth Work: Share materials and cooperate with church-school teachers and youth in the use of missionary units in church-school curriculum.

Children's Work: Share in presentation of missionary units in church school during January and February.

Supply Work: Present requested Supply Work list for Home Mission institutions of the Woman's Division.

FEBRUARY — Program—"Unto the Perfect Day"

General: Elect a Committee on Nominations.

Treasurer: Send third quarter's receipts by February 5.

Missionary Education: Tack missionary items and pictures of Africa on the church bulletin board.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Cooperate in practical programs of local church preparation for Commitment Sunday, March 1, 1953. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN, January, 1953.)

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A Memo to the President

Dear President:

Again this year the "Officers' Letter File" is included within the covers of THE METHODIST WOMAN. This method has many advantages, among which is the fact that every officer who is a subscriber to THE METHODIST WOMAN (and we hope all are or will now decide to be!) will have not only her own letter from the national officer, but also the letters written to other officers. This enables all the group to become more familiar with the total scope of the work, and see how their various responsibilities as officers are interrelated. Extra copies of this issue may be secured from Literature Headquarters* for 15 cents.

You will find the "Calendar of Special Activities" on the inside cover of this issue. This can be detached for easier reference month by month, or reprints may be had from Literature Headquarters for 3 cents (4 for 10 cents).

The May issue will give the new Quadrennial Emphases which will be held before our women during the next four years, with the general theme, "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized." All departments and lines of work will relate their activities to this theme. The Goal Chart will also appear in the May issue. The new symbol is a compass with the cross at the center. The points of the compass indicate that the work of the Woman's Division is world-wide in its scope; the cross represents the commitment of ourselves as Christian disciples.

Continued visitation of present and potential members will be stressed again this year, for the past four years have shown the value of this sort of effort in deepening fellowship and widening horizons. Officer and leadership training will be another special emphasis.

May your year be one of fruitful effort and satisfying results.

Sincerely yours,

Eloise A. Woolever

Executive Secretary, Section of Education and Cultivation

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Mrs. Frank G. Brooks

Mount Vernon, Iowa

Dear President:

Writing to more than 30,000 Methodist women—presidents of Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds—is an experience that makes me very humble My message to you is written from a warm heart and with great appreciation for the leadership you are giving to the women of your church.

In greeting you, I should like to use the words which Paul wrote so often in his letters to his friends: *Grace, mercy,* and *peace* to you. With those words Paul started his messages to the Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians, and other friends, for they were "chosen of God."

In the same spirit, I write to you presidents—"God's own chosen." It is a sobering thought! You, too, must be "clothed with compassion, kindliness, humility, gentleness, and good temper . . . above all you must be loving, for love is the link of the perfect life. . . . And you must be thankful. Let the inspiration of Christ dwell in your midst with all its wealth of wisdom." [1] (*Colossians 3:12-16.*)

Will you take those words for your creed this year? Or may I say it this way: *Shall we take those words for our creed?*

In June we shall be entering a new quadrennium; we shall be developing plans, using a new theme. Everything that we do should be done with the single aim: "that the Kingdom of God may be realized."

You have signified your willingness to give your best to your church and to the Woman's Society of Christian Service this year. So many activities claim our time and our interest and often only a remnant of both is given to our church. In that respect we are like the innkeeper who turned Joseph and Mary from his door and gave them the only place he had left—the stable.

Again and again in our own lives all room is taken by things not in themselves evil. We live such busy lives as we pursue many different interests that no time or energy is left for true discipleship.

Discipleship *costs!* And it *costs* to be president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service!

It costs in time to develop one's spiritual life, just as it costs in time to develop friendship. But it is worth the cost in time to become better acquainted with the Christ whom we seek to follow.

It costs in time to plan carefully each meeting of the Woman's Society: to understand all the matters to be presented; to acquaint oneself with the work of each officer, so that you may guide the officer in her task.

It costs in time and in effort to study the missionary program which your money is supporting. May I urge you to do one thing, above all others this year? That one thing is: study the *Twelfth Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.** You cannot be the good president which you really want to be unless you know where your money is going; what missionaries and deaconesses it is supporting; what children's homes, hospitals, social centers, and rural centers your gifts are maintaining.

It is not easy to be president of a Woman's Society in 1952. It is not easy to secure someone to be a president. Perhaps you know how carefully the women of your church were screened by the nominating committee. Many women were considered for the office; but you were the fortunate one, for you were elected and you accepted.

You will leave the presidency, when your term expires, a finer, wiser, and better-informed woman, challenged by the opportunities which have come to you, even as you have been oppressed, at times, by the evidences of fear, suspicion, prejudice, and greed that are about you. But if, each day, you keep our verse from Colossians before you, I believe you can help the young people in your town and the women in your church to find a better level of living than they might otherwise have chosen.

It has been said that "one woman is helpful—100 women are forceful—1,000 women are powerful—1,000,000 women are invincible." There are more than 1,600,000 women who are members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service!

As a president you belong to a fellowship of the courageous—not of the coddled. Worthy living demands struggle; it means taking the principles of Jesus and translating them into the realities of common life. Worthy living means *commitment* to the Holy Spirit "that the Kingdom of God may be realized."

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks

President, Woman's Division
of Christian Service

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Mrs. Paul Arrington

Dear Vice-President:

Your office is one of great importance because it carries grave responsibilities. Indeed, if your Woman's Society of Christian Service has a successful year of growth and achievement, your leadership will be reflected through it.

Your society in selecting you for the vice-president thus expressed its approval of your qualities of leadership, such as ability to work with others, tactfulness, creative thinking, continuous growth through study, appreciation for the contributions of others.

The president feels the security which your support and efforts give, for you are to her a teammate or yokefellow. It is therefore necessary for you to become familiar with:

(1) The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service— study it until you can recite it as readily as the Apostles' Creed.

(2) The organizational setup for the local, district, and conference units.

(3) The world-wide program and tasks.

To assist you in this preparation, you will need to own *A Guide,** the *Twelfth Annual Report of the Woman's Division,** the most recent annual report of your conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and to subscribe to and read THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

As chairman of the Committee on Program, you have a significant responsibility for seeing that the membership is constantly challenged and new members are attracted. With you will serve the secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Missionary Education and Service; Literature and Publications; Spiritual Life; Status of Women, and any others whom the society may select.

This committee shall plan and supervise the programs for the regular monthly meetings and special days; and shall consider all plans and make recommendations for the study and action program.

It is necessary to have a meeting of the committee at the beginning of the year, in order to map out the year's program. It is essential to plan in detail for the program of study and action for each quarter.

It is important that the program and worship booklets, *Proclaim the Good News,** be used. Every member of the committee should become familiar with their contents as early as possible. Careful planning must be given to program presentation. Methods should be varied if interest is kept alert.

Presenting the World Federation of Methodist Women is a third responsibility. Articles appear constantly in THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Moreover, you will receive news occasionally from the conference and district vice-presidents. Perhaps you will make some pen friends in other units and relay reports directly from them. Presented through whatever method you choose, it is important that every member of the society senses the unity that binds the members of the thirty-four units into the great sisterhood of service—a unity which transcends all barriers because it is founded upon God's love and based upon the desire to make Christ's way known.

Report at the close of each quarter to your district vice-president, making sure the report is mailed by the first of the month. Share your ideas. Give a detailed account of action growing out of programs and studies.

Lean heavily upon His guidance and you will find joy in every task.

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

The 1952 quadrennial meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women is to be held in Berkeley, California, on April 19, 20, 21. The sessions will be held in the Epworth Methodist Church, and will close with a World Banquet at the Berkeley Women's City Club. Delegates will be entertained in the Durant Hotel.

Delegates are expected from many of the thirty-four units of the Federation, and visitors in the city at that time will be welcome.

MRS. FRANKLIN REED,
President.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Paul Arrington

Vice-President, Woman's Division
of Christian Service

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Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver

Dear Recording Secretary:

Jimmy is my grandson. His mother and father were talking about a friend when Jimmy asked, "Who is that, Daddy?"

"Oh," replied his daddy, "just somebody Mother and I know."

Jimmy was silent for a minute, then asked another question. "But, Daddy, *whobody?*" with real emphasis on the "*whobody?*"

That is a question which is very important in our minutes, especially after they grow "cold" and become records of forgotten events.

You Need Bifocals, Madame Secretary

"Mrs. Sam Jones gave her report," reads the recording secretary. Who is Mrs. Sam Jones and *what* report did she give and *why?* The secretary lacking *near vision* did not record this information. Therefore the minutes are meaningless, especially to those members who are irregular in their attendance and do not know what *office* Mrs. Jones holds. Naturally, they cannot answer the *Whobody,* nor the *what, why,* and *when.*

Perhaps ten years later, since she did not have *distant vision,* the same secretary who wrote those words would not have the faintest idea who Mrs. Jones was, nor what she reported, nor why. "How could I be expected to remember *that* after all these years?" The answer to that one is, "You couldn't be expected to remember. After all, you didn't have any glasses and didn't even see what went on."

This Secretary Had Bifocals

Her record reads: "Mrs. Sam Jones, secretary of Literature and Publications, reported that she had secured ten new combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, and five new ones to THE METHODIST WOMAN alone. Mrs. Jones announced that in addition to the many members who now subscribe, *every officer* is a subscriber to the two magazines."

Because she used the "near vision" part of her glasses, this secretary left no doubt that the *whobody* was Mrs. Sam Jones, secretary of Literature and Publications. Also she clearly stated the *what, why,* and *when* so that anyone who had not been there had a clear picture of what happened, and those who had been present remembered the incident perfectly. By not offering any objections, the members approved the minutes.

The importance of that "far vision" may be proved ten years later. Suppose a secretary of Literature and Publications, working hard to achieve the goal, "Every officer a subscriber to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK," is told that goal never had been reached in their society. The secretary decides to search the records. There she finds, in black and white, this minute on the report made by Mrs. Jones. The enterprising secretary of Literature and Publications may read the record to the organization, saying, "What has been done once can be done again." Nobody could deny then the approved minutes, even though written ten years before.

Or the president of the society, reading through the minutes ten years later, may remember that Mrs. Sam Jones had been, as the record indicated, a very efficient secretary of Literature and Publications, evidently a *somebody, who* did *what* well. The president, searching for a reliable person for another job, is glad to be reminded of her qualities.

So-o-o-o-, dear recording secretary, put on your mental bifocals when you write those minutes and ask yourself these questions. "Will this give the women a true picture of the meeting we held?" and "Has it lasting value so that ten years from now those who read it will really know what happened, and care that it happened?" And do not forget the "*whobody.*" That is so important for records. Mrs. Sam Jones may have moved from town the next year, but the fact that she was secretary of Literature and Publications remains important. She was the officer who promoted subscriptions ten years ago.

Some very important reports are too long to include in the minutes, word for word. For instance, every detail of the treasurer's report is important, but too long to be placed in the minutes. For the record, it is sufficient to state that the report is on file in the secretary's office. But, that will not be a true picture. Stated totals of receipts and disbursements will give a story which will be of interest for years. (You do not vote to accept the monthly statement made by the treasurer. Just the audited annual report is accepted by vote.)

Don't squint any longer. Neither you nor the record look nice that way. Get those bifocals and see the close details, then look at the far-off picture of the future when the importance of the details will have passed away, and strike that fine balance which makes the "near vision" and the "far vision" of those who read a delight and joy forever.

Most sincerely yours,

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Henrietta Gibson

Dear Treasurer:

In this message to you, we want to help you to see and understand what your responsibilities are, for on you and the way you meet these responsibilities much in relation to the total program of your society depends.

Your primary responsibility is to keep accurate records, to keep those records up to date, to be ready to give reports when needed, to see that your books are properly audited and present the audited report to your society for approval, to attend to all the necessary transactions in receiving and expending monies as ordered by the society.

Closely related to this record-keeping responsibility is the necessity for the treasurer to have an intimate, accurate knowledge of the various categories of funds, so you can make the differences between them clear to the members of your society and be able to enter the gifts in your books according to the wish of the donors. The *Handbook on Finance** is an invaluable tool for the treasurer in this respect.

Besides knowing the funds, the treasurer has a responsibility as well to know the program of the Woman's Division in its wide outreach over the world, at home and abroad. You can interpret that program to your members, for givers want to know "where their money goes," and the treasurer has a chance to gain and give such information. You can point out that the cost of maintaining the present program here and overseas has increased many fold just as the costs of every household have increased, and these increased costs have to be met before any real Advance in program can be made.

As treasurer, you can help each member of your society to understand her own responsibility for the support of the program. The members will look to you for guidance when deciding on the amount to be pledged by the society. You must have courage and faith in asking for increased giving in terms of meeting human need. Giving is a two-way process—it will bring happiness to those who give and it will help those who receive to meet their physical need of shelter, food, and clothing, and their deeper need for that abundant life promised to all of us as children of God. Sharing with others is at the center of the teachings of Jesus, and as his followers we have that responsibility and that privilege. This you can help your members to understand.

The treasurer shares responsibility too for the promotion of all giving: gifts for Special Memberships, for the Lenten Offering, the Thank Offering, the Christmas Offering, for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, for Supply Work.

Send for the free leaflets on *Annuity Dollars Make a Difference** and *Your Will.** Promotion of these is an important part of the treasurer's responsibility.

You, as treasurer, have an important place in your Woman's Society of Christian Service. As we start on the new year, we want you to know that we have confidence that you will help your members to fulfill their responsibilities and help to reach the high goals we have set before us. Our best wishes and prayers will be with you.

Sincerely yours,

Henrietta Gibson

Treasurer, Woman's Division of Christian Service

P. S.—Did you know that it took less than ten cents of every dollar to administer and promote our great organization and program in 1951? Here are the figures: Expenditures for cultivation expense amounted to 5.16% of cash receipts, while the administration expense was 3.37% of the cash receipts or a total cost of 8.53%. That means more than ninety cents of every dollar went directly to the support of the missionary enterprise at home and abroad.

P. S.—See page 30. Important.

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Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever

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Dear Secretary of Promotion:

As secretary of Promotion in your local society, you will serve along many lines, but all of them are related to your title for all are in the line of *promotion* of the work.

1. There are some materials which you will find essential for the knowing and carrying out of your duties. For constant use you will need the *Promotion Handbook*,* *A Guide*,* the *Record and Report Book*,[1] THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. You will want to keep at hand *My Date Book*,[1] and make frequent use of the "Calendar of Special Activities," which is included in this (April) issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

2. You are, by virtue of your office, a member of the executive committee and the committee on membership of your local society. In the first, you will help to promote the entire program of the society. In the second, you will work especially toward the quadrennial Goal which affirms our intention "to seek to bring others into the Christian fellowship of the church and of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild." The membership aim may be stated: United, We Share: all women of Methodism enlisted in the Woman's Society of Christian Service or the Wesleyan Service Guild. In this connection you will find helpful the leaflet, *Oh Yes You Can!* *

3. You will work in close cooperation with the president in promoting all the Goals before the society. These you will find in the May, 1952, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, and each succeeding month will bring you further helps. The pages prepared especially for your help are the Organization and Promotion page, and the four pages devoted to forward plans. You will find inspiration and added incentive for your task, however, in reading the entire magazine each month and also WORLD OUTLOOK. Our world-wide task is a challenging one, and demands our best promotional effort.

4. Reporting is an important part of your duties; it is perhaps the most definitely assigned and most clearly defined of them all. Secure the *Record and Report Book*[1] (60 cents) already referred to, and read it carefully. Allowing ample time before reports are due (September 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1), have a meeting if possible of the officers whose blanks are in the *Record and Report Book*. See that every officer has her blank and fills it out. Then copy these reports in the book for a permanent record, and immediately send them to the respective district officers. Reports are important not only because district, conference, jurisdiction, and division officers need to know the facts, but because they enable the local society officers to check on their work to see if each quarter they have accomplished the essential things. Furthermore, this quarterly session of officers provides opportunity to note the actual progress the society is making. The leaflet, *Your Report, a Measurement of Progress*,* will be helpful and is available if you do not already have a copy.

5. After the election of officers of the society, send a complete list of the names and addresses to the district secretary of Promotion; and if there are any changes during the year, notify her immediately.

6. You will receive communications for your society and will need to "channel immediately" to those for whom they are intended. Much of the effectiveness of the society will depend on your promptness and dependability in doing this.

Yours is a job of wide opportunity and should bring great satisfaction in seeing the results of your faithful service. May the performance of its duties be to you a constant source of joy!

Sincerely yours,

Eloise A. Woolever

Executive Secretary, Section of Education and Cultivation

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[1] Watch back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN for date of release.

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Dear Secretary

of Missionary Education and Service:

Elizabeth Stinson

A summary of figures relating to missionary education reveals that your efforts during this quadrennium have been rewarded. The number of women studying in the jurisdiction and conference Schools of Missions has increased from 11,465 in 1948 to 20,775 in 1951. The January issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, page 31, carried statistics which you will doubtless wish to study. I am grateful for all that you have done.

Even as we rejoice in the advance made, we reach out to the thousands—even hundreds of thousands—of our Methodist women who are not taking advantage of the opportunities for study in the societies. Some have not been sufficiently challenged to give the time for such a study. The Joint Commission on Missionary Education, made up of approximately thirty major denominations, including the Methodist denomination, prepares texts, supplementary books, guides, maps, and films designed to help us understand persons and situations in our own nation and around the world.

The approved studies for 1952-53 are *Africa, Home Missions and Human Rights,* and *Preface to Bible Study.* The texts are as follows:

For *Africa*

*African Heritage,** by Dr. Emory Ross with a supplementary book, *Africans on Safari,** by Dr. Leslie Sayre.

For *Home Missions and Human Rights*

*These Rights We Hold,** by Dr. Fred Brownlee with a supplementary book of stories, *Accent on Liberty,** by Miss Mabel Sheibley.

For *Preface to Bible Study*

*Toward Understanding the Bible,** by Dr. Georgia Harkness.

One of the first steps in planning is to secure and read the *Handbook for Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service,** pages 10-17, the free leaflets—*Study and Action 1952-53,** *Ways of Conducting Study Classes,** *Questions and Answers on Missionary Education,** and the current *catalog of the Woman's Division.** From the "1952-53 Calendar of Special Activities" on the inside covers of this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, you will see that the course on "Home Missions and Human Rights" is to be offered in the fall of 1952; "Preface to Bible Study" in January-February, 1953; and "Africa" in the spring of 1953.

Along the African Path, written by Miss Dorothy McConnell, is the book for the church-wide study. This study, initiated by the pastor in the local church, will acquaint you with the work of The Methodist Church in Africa during the year when you are studying with other denominations the needs of Africa and the total missionary program.

The program booklet for 1952-53, *Proclaim the Good News,** contains excellent material for your monthly programs. The *Twelfth Annual Report 1951-52,** THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, *Do You Know Builders of the Christian World in the United States?** and *Do You Know Builders of the Christian World in Other Lands?** and an abundance of pamphlets* and leaflets* will be invaluable to you as sources of missionary information.

The Woman's Division requests that you assist other women in preparing missionary information to present to various groups, and that in each monthly meeting time be allowed you, or someone appointed by you, to bring information from the various fields.

Study every monthly program in detail before attending each meeting of the Committee on Program. Have as many programs as possible on missions, particularly when such programs are given in the program booklet. Find new ways of interesting your society in studying the three approved themes under circumstances which make for a real understanding of our own country, Africa, and the word of God as it comes to us through the Holy Scripture.

Be sure to send your reports regularly and promptly to your district secretary of Missionary Education and ask her for any information you need.

May you find continuous joy in the service which you render.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Stinson

Secretary of Missionary Education,
Section of Education and Cultivation

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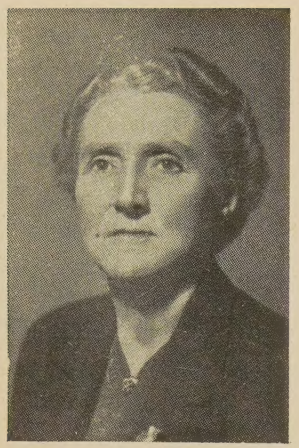

Thelma Stevens

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Dear Secretary

of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:

The quadrennial emphasis in the area of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities is a six-point program growing out of the topic "the things that belong unto peace." You will want to call your committee together as early in May as possible and study together the May, 1952, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, giving special attention to the suggestions on the pages describing the quadrennial program of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. The March, 1952, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN is also a *must* as you make plans for this first year of the quadrennium.

The following suggestions may help you as you work on this important job:

1. If you do not already have an active committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, you may want to talk with your president and the Executive Committee of your Woman's Society or Guild about the selection of a committee.

2. Order a *Handbook of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities** and copies of *Activities for 1952-53** (free) for all the members of your committee. Study together your duties as outlined in the *Handbook*. You will then want to discuss the *activities* suggested in the leaflet and see where you need to begin!

3. You and all the members of your committee should subscribe to THE METHODIST WOMAN and watch especially for the four pages on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities each month. The "Calendar of Special Activities" will give suggestions for you and your committee.

4. As a member of the Committee on Program of your Woman's Society or Guild, you will have opportunity to help relate these *activities* suggested in the calendar to the total program of your society. You are also responsible for suggesting to the program committee any appropriate activities growing out of programs or studies undertaken by your Society or Guild. Watch THE METHODIST WOMAN for suggestions.

5. You or a member of your committee should be ready to make specific recommendations to the Committee on Finance about the amount of money from the Cultivation Fund of your local society budget that you need to promote more adequately the program of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, as well as the amount needed for special local church and community activities.

6. Make every effort to attend the district and subdistrict meetings of your Woman's Society and Guild. Ask your district secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities to visit your church and help you get plans under way to do better work in your church and community. Why not ask her to use the new filmstrips, *This Is Christian Social Relations* and *The Things That Belong Unto Peace!*

7. Your quarterly reports should be mailed promptly, September 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1. The sample report in your *Handbook* may help you with this responsibility.

8. Watch the pages of THE METHODIST WOMAN for new materials to be ordered from Literature Headquarters and elsewhere.

9. You and your committee will want to work with your pastor and the Committee on Membership of your local Woman's Society or Guild on special visitation plans and other fellowship features, that bring your church members and other individuals and families of the community into the friendly fellowship of the church's ministry. The leaflet, *The Church's Job Is My Job*,* gives helpful suggestions for meeting the needs of newcomers in your community.

10. Let us remember that the price of Christian discipleship comes high!—but we can do no less than give *ourselves* with new commitment "that the Kingdom of God may be realized."

Sincerely yours,

Thelma D Stevens

Executive Secretary, Christian Social
Relations and Local Church Activities,
Woman's Division of Christian Service

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Dear President of the Wesleyan Service Guild:

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Lillian A. Johnson

It is indeed a happy experience for me to be writing to you as your new secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild. My greatest satisfaction in this work will be the knowledge that through the channels of the Guild there is such a wonderful opportunity to serve God and our fellow men. Added to this will be the joy of having you as a friend as well as a co-worker. I covet the pleasure of knowing you personally as soon as possible.

Recently I attended the annual meeting of your Standing Committee. It was a good meeting. I think we all came to a renewed realization of the important part the Wesleyan Service Guild can play in the work of the Kingdom. Underneath all, we knew that the success of the work rests with you. You are the one who must interpret the program. You know its weaknesses; you see its problems; you can put your finger on the places where its strength lies; you know who the women are who need to be reached by it. And so, we of the Standing Committee had you in mind throughout all our discussions. The problems we labored over were the ones that you had brought to us; the plans that we formulated as recommendations to you were outcomes of the study of your need in the local situation. We prayed for you, as we prayed for wisdom in our planning and guiding. Our recommendations will be channeled to you through conference and district officers, Guild clinics at your school of missions, THE METHODIST WOMAN, leadership training classes, and your Guild Weekends. However, I do want to state briefly the things we have in mind for the year ahead:

1. Cooperation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Standing Committee sent as a recommendation to the Woman's Division its appreciation for the quadrennial emphases adopted. We wish to accept them and use them as our own. We also stressed the fact that the Woman's Division of Christian Service programs are written for us as well as for societies. We hope there will be universal use of the program, worship, and study materials that are published by the Woman's Division in the regular and special meetings of the Guild. I sincerely urge you, as the local president, to present these materials with suggestions for their use. Supplementary aids will be printed in THE METHODIST WOMAN each month.

2. Projects. We voted to continue our present projects for the next quadrennium. But, since we are growing in other ways, we are branching out here, too. We have added two new Foreign projects, to be chosen in consultation with executive secretaries of work in India and Africa. In the Home field. we will assume support of the worker in the defense area at Paducah, Kentucky.

We also urge that Guild members become acquainted with all the other Home and Foreign work of the Woman's Division.

3. Reports. Blanks are to be revised, and the local blanks are to be published in book form.[1] We set 100 per cent as our goal for reporting.

4. New Guilds. Each Guild should feel itself responsible for organizing a new Guild unit during the coming year.

5. Personal visitation. It is of vital importance for Guilds to be acutely conscious of their obligation to enlist others in the type of service they can do so well through the Guild. We are not content until an earnest effort has been made to reach every employed woman of the church, and also every woman who does not have a church home.

6. Full-time service. Gaining active, fine members is not enough. We need to feel the responsibility for recruiting women for full-time Christian service, and for providing non-church members with the opportunity for becoming affiliated with the church.

7. New *Handbook*.[1] The *Handbook* will be revised for the new quadrennium. We hope to incorporate in it charts or diagrams as well as concise, step-by-step information covering the factual material you have been requesting.

8. Renewed spiritual vigor. We all need to replenish our spiritual resources so that we may stand firm in our places of Christian leadership. We cannot "give out" to others continually without "getting" something for ourselves. We need to take time out, not only to search ourselves, but to listen to what God has to say to us.

May God bless you, and may you ever hear the "Well done" that I know He must be saying to you now. What a challenging job you have!

Sincerely yours,

Lillian A. Johnson

Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild,
Section of Education and Cultivation

[1] Watch back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN for date of release.

Dorothy A. Nyland

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Dear Secretary of Student Work:

"Reach the student—reach the world" is the theme for secretaries of Student Work this year. Students are leaders of the future. As secretary of Student Work you have an opportunity to influence destiny through friendship.

Get acquainted with all the high-school seniors in your church. Some will go to college, in service, as conscientious objectors, as nurses, or take a job away from home. You are the *only* person in the church whose official job is to keep in touch with them wherever they are.

Secure *Methodist Student Information Cards** and send to the director of Wesley Foundation, the director of Religious Life of a Methodist college campus, or the pastor in the college community—a card for each student giving as much information as possible about the activities of the student in the home church. A letter indicating personal interests is very helpful. These cards should be sent *before* the student leaves home. If you do not know the names of persons to whom to send the card, send it to your conference secretary of Student Work.

*Introduction Cards for Servicemen** have been printed by the Methodist Chaplain's Committee. These cards are to be given to individuals leaving for the service and carried with them wherever they go.

Friendly letters, church bulletins, and devotional material mean so much to folks away from home. The secretaries of Student Work may see that these are sent. Other duties are outlined in the leaflet, *Secretary of Student Work** (free for postage) and the *Handbook for Secretaries of Student Work.**

motive, Methodist student magazine, comes every month during the school year. Some Student secretaries send it each month to the students. It is $2.00 a year, single subscription, or $1.00 each for group subscriptions of fifteen or more to one address. Order from *motive*, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee. *Power*, a devotional booklet, published by the National Conference of Methodist Youth (10 cents single copy, 40 cents a year) and *Concern*, a bimonthly newspaper, also published by the National Conference of Methodist Youth ($1.00 a year) may be ordered from 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee. *Concern* reports activities of youth and students in The Methodist Church.

As secretary of Student Work you may invite deputation teams of students from near-by campus groups to lead the devotions in your Woman's Society. In cooperation with the pastor, students may report at church services on student conferences attended.

Sending students to church conferences and work camps is an investment most worthwhile. Often decisions for life service are made at these conferences. Any help you can give students to attend is deeply appreciated.

Methodist Service Projects lists the need for church workers at home and abroad. Each student secretary should secure a copy from Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Study it and share this information with students interested in church work. Some may be interested if you ask them.

Methodist Student Day in June and *Student Recognition Day* in December are on the *Calendar of Activities for Student Secretaries** (free for postage). Be sure to cooperate with your pastor on these programs.

World Day of Prayer for Students in February is sponsored by the World's Student Christian Federation. Materials may be ordered through the United Student Christian Council, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Over 30,800 students from overseas are on the American college campuses today. Order and distribute to your Woman's Society of Christian Service the leaflet *Our Students from Other Lands.** Encourage the women to open their homes to these ambassadors. They will have tremendous influence when they return to their own countries. The future may depend upon their contact with Christian homes today.

"Reach the student—reach the world" is your challenge as secretary of Student Work.

Yours in Christian Service,

Dorothy A. Nyland

Secretary of Student Work,
Section of Education and Cultivation

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Helen L. Johnson

Dear Secretary of Youth Work:

As an adult worker with youth, you have a great responsibility and a great opportunity. You have been chosen to work with growing, energetic, idealistic youth who are the MYF in your church. In the capacity of an adult counselor and friend, you may make a difference in their lives and interests as individuals and as a group. Workers with youth should seek to possess the qualities of heart and mind "that enable them to challenge and inspire youth to high dedication to God and to service in his cause."

Missionary education is an integral part of the total program of the MYF. In the senior department the responsibility for initiating mission study and activity rests largely with the commission on missions and world friendship. The secretary of Youth Work, upon approval by the council of the MYF, will serve as the adult adviser for this commission. If she is not the adult adviser, she should serve as a resource person in missionary education. In meeting her responsibility, the adviser will use the resources of the general Board of Education, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and the other three divisions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Here is an opportunity which will bring abundant returns to the one who loses herself in a sense of mission.

In the intermediate department, organizations should be kept at a minimum. Short-term committees are preferred to commissions. The secretary of Youth Work should cooperate with adult leaders in the intermediate department when a missionary emphasis is being planned and carried out.

As they participate in mission study classes and group activities, the youth of your church will come to think, feel, and act in ways that produce an attitude of world-mindedness. *Missionary Materials for Youth*[1] (free leaflet) contains a listing of materials for study in the use of missionary units in the church school curriculum and also for sessions held other than Sunday morning or evening. It is well to remember that activities and projects are a part of such study.

The girls of the MYF may meet regularly in a World Friendship Group of Girls to study the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Such a group is a part of the program planned by the commission on missions and world friendship. The secretary of Youth Work would naturally be the counselor for a World Friendship Group. If, however, she is acting as adviser to the commission and feels the two jobs are too heavy, someone may be invited to serve as adult leader for this group and the secretary of Youth Work will be her assistant. The program materials for the year September, 1952-August, 1953, are entitled *Through a Knothole** (75 cents). They show something of the Woman's Division at work in "Africa," and "Home Missions and Human Rights."

The Methodist Youth Fund, as it helps in a program of missions, Christian education, and youth work around the world, provides another opportunity for developing world-mindedness. The July-August-September issue of *The Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin*[1] contains a listing of the projects related to the Methodist Youth Fund. Many of them are familiar to you as projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. You have the opportunity, more than anyone else, to interpret the work carried on in these projects to members of the MYF. It is important for them to know where their money goes, and what is accomplished because they give to work at home and abroad. Encourage the Woman's Society to share all materials telling of Methodist Youth Fund projects with members of the MYF.

You will wish to confer frequently with other adult leaders in the youth division of the church school concerning ways to acquaint the finest and ablest youth with the vocational possibilities in the mission field at home and abroad, and in the wider field of church-related vocations.

As secretary of Youth Work you will carry out your responsibility within the framework of the MYF. At the same time you will keep the members of the Woman's Society informed about missionary activities in the MYF.

It is important to keep informed. Use such materials as *Workshop*,[2] *Workers With Youth*,[2] *Youth Planbook*,[2] *The Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin*,[1] *How to Promote MY Fund*,[1] # 2320-B (free) THE METHODIST WOMAN, and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Sincerely yours,

Helen L. Johnson

Secretary of Youth Work,
Section of Education and Cultivation

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.
[1] Available from The Methodist Youth Fund, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.
[2] Available from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

Ruby Van Hooser

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Dear Secretary of Children's Work:

To teachers of children in The Methodist Church a wise leader once wrote: "Blessed are you when zeal for the Kingdom of God fills your heart, for he who guides children in the way of love, good will, and righteousness is already building the Kingdom."

These last words may well stand as a summary of the work that you will undertake during this new year in the service of the church for children. You are beginning your duties at a time when Christian people everywhere are concerned that boys and girls may find a real and growing faith in God and that they may help in the making of a brotherly world. You are one of a fellowship of workers, therefore, to whom the months of 1952-53 will bring a special challenge and responsibility.

Children in the Program of the Church. The program of The Methodist Church and the plans of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the year upon which we are entering will give much attention to the needs of children both at home and abroad. The emphasis on Christian family living will continue to be an important one, and parents and teachers of boys and girls will try to find ways in which the home and church may work more effectively together. Through the Woman's Society of Christian Service, attention will again be given to the recommendations of the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth.

Sharing in the Work of the Church School. As you know, the program of the church for children is carried on through the church school. One of the largest opportunities that you will have before you is to serve with others as a teacher or as an assistant in carrying out the plans of the church for the Christian education of its children. Be sure, therefore, to become acquainted at once with the leaders in the children's division of the church school, and to take some part in their work, if you have not already done so.

Missionary Emphases 1952-53. The missionary emphases that have been chosen for the use of Methodist children during the current year are "Africa" and "American Indians and Human Rights." Together with the missionary units that may be found in the approved lesson materials for the church school, the following manuals have been prepared for use in additional sessions:

*Primary: Children of the Congo,** by Lois Eddy McDonnell. Price, 50 cents.

*Junior: Making Friends in Africa,** by Mildred A. Magnuson. Price, 50 cents.

Attractive reading books, maps, and pictures are included among the new missionary materials. These are listed in the free leaflet, *Missionary Materials for Use With Children, 1952-53.** The leaflet, also free, entitled, *Missionary Education of Children in The Methodist Church,** points out ways in which boys and girls may share through offerings and other gifts in the world-wide work of their church.

World Friendship Bulletin, issued for the local secretary of Children's Work, will bring information to you quarter by quarter about the work with which you will be concerned. It is published in the months of June, September, December, and March in THE METHODIST WOMAN. The free leaflet, *Secretary of Children's Work,** will give you an understanding of the duties connected with this office.

The Woman's Society and Children's Work. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is finding increasing channels of service to children in this country and in countries all around the world. Through you, and other leaders like you, will this ministry be rendered. Enter, therefore, upon the work that is yours, that the needs of children may be met, and that boys and girls may be guided to live day by day as brothers and sisters in the world family of God.

Sincerely yours,

Ruby Van Hooser

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Mrs. Edwin B. White

Dear Secretary of Spiritual Life:

This message comes to you in the closing months of a quadrennium which has been marked not alone by turmoil and strife, but also by significant progress on the part of spiritual forces. Methodism has "*lengthened* its ropes and *strengthened* its stakes" through the Advance for Christ and His Church, and is now making plans for further advance during 1952-56. The emphasis will be on "*deepening* the spiritual life." The Woman's Division is giving primary importance to spiritual growth through the over-all theme, "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized," and the objectives which begin and end on a great spiritual note. The program subjects for the coming year, under the heading *Proclaim the Good News*, further emphasize the spiritual needs of mankind.

The Standing Committee on Spiritual Life felt keenly the responsibility of following through on this spiritual note which is our primary concern, and presented to the Woman's Division the following recommendation: "In line with the proposed emphases of the church on Evangelism for the next quadrennium, it is recommended: That a concerted effort be made to plan a series of retreats on the various levels of our Woman's Society of Christian Service, in order that each member of the society may be touched by this spiritual experience. A booklet, entitled *Be Ye Perfect*†, now being prepared for group or individual use, may be used for this purpose."

Sometime during the quadrennium—but just as soon as possible—each secretary of Spiritual Life should have a part in conducting such a service, certainly not less than a full Day Apart, in every society. The remaining months of 1952 constitute a preparation period for the world-wide emphasis on evangelism, and these Retreats and Days Apart are among the finest ways through which to share in this preparation. There is a notable evangelistic movement in America, and we must do our full part in deepening its impact.

To carry out the idea of spiritual growth and commitment, the circle suggestions in THE METHODIST WOMAN, beginning in September, will be under the general heading, "Ambassadors for Christ." We should encourage circles to use this splendid material. Another aid in spiritual development is the use of prayer cards; the "Fellowship of Intercession," * "Prayer at Midday," * and "Standing in the need of Prayer," from the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World.[1] We should also cooperate with the secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in seeing that helpful literature is placed in public places such as bus stations, beauty parlors, and hospitals.

Our text for study next year will be *Toward Understanding the Bible*,* by Dr. Georgia Harkness. No society should fail to take this course. It will be invaluable in subsequent Bible studies, in teaching church school classes, and in our daily devotions.

I hope every secretary of Spiritual Life will attend either a jurisdiction or conference School of Missions or a district training school. These experiences give insight into the total work of the Woman's Society and show how spiritual life cultivation is a vital part of the whole—through membership on the Committee on Spiritual Life of which you are chairman, the Committee on Program, and the local church committee on Membership and Evangelism. Every line of work in the Woman's Society is this year stressing the primacy of spiritual values, and we have an unprecedented opportunity to cooperate in the plans.

Let us be diligent to promote the use of our literature. The new *Spiritual Life Packet** will be ready for summer schools and every secretary of Spiritual Life should have one. The new *Prayer Calendar** will be off the press also during the early summer. This should be much more widely used than it is at present. It is a choice piece of devotional material and should be used daily along with our Bible and *The Upper Room*,[2] but it is also a wonderful piece of missionary education material. The suggestion has been made that each member of the society take as her prayer partners those missionaries and deaconesses whose birthdays coincide with her own. Their birth dates are given in the *Prayer Calendar** and their addresses may be found in the *Annual Report of the Woman's Division*,* if any woman wishes to correspond with her "prayer partners."

Let me remind you once more, that for many people these days there is anxiety and suffering. Very likely there are some in your society. Become aware of the needs and do the little, simple, kindly things that will comfort and encourage. Such loving attention will lead them closer to Him who understands. This is a very vital way in which we can minister.

We are His ambassadors. We are to "proclaim the Good News," by our words and by our example and by our service. May we do our part in order "that the Kingdom of God May Be Realized."

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Edwin B. White

Chairman, Standing Committee on Spiritual Life

† Watch back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN for date of release.
* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.
[1] Available from Laymen's Movement, 347 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.
[2] The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 4, Tennessee.

Mrs. C. C. Long

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Dear Secretary of Literature and Publications:

Christian Foundations, the title of the *Twelfth Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service,** raises this question: What type of foundation am I laying in this vitally important work? In the hands of the secretary of Literature and Publications rests the responsibility for making her society, including her fellow officers, aware of all the available material, as well as THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. If you have laid such a foundation your society structure will be strong, vital, and enduring.

We are preparing a subscription record book for each secretary of Literature and Publications in the local church. It will be mailed to you without cost, as soon as it is ready. In this book you will have ample space to record all your subscribers and the expiration date of the magazines, so that through the years your society will have a complete and accurate record. When sending subscriptions use the blanks, which will be furnished you by the Circulation Department. Be sure to write your name, as secretary, and the number for your church which will appear on your subscription record book. If you should find it necessary to resign, send us that information promptly on the sheet prepared for that purpose in the book. Tear it out and mail to us, with your name and the name and address of your successor. We ask that you give the book to the new secretary or the one responsible for securing subscriptions in your society.

Because of our growth we are planning a total reorganization of our Circulation Department and a complete new method; your fullest cooperation is needed to make it reach the peak of efficiency.

Ours is a task which uniquely combines good business practices and an understanding of human relations in Christian fellowship.

You are a member of the Committee on Program, and as such you urge the use of the program and worship material. Watch the back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN, which is your guidance page for new material, for the announcement of the new *Program Book.* Until September, 1952, you are using THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S. It is spiritual awareness in action.

1. Write for a *Catalogue.**

2. See that your society has a copy of the *Twelfth Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Christian Foundations.**

3. Attend district and conference meetings for new ideas and methods. Purchase literature at that time if possible.

4. Reports. Make your quarterly report promptly to your district secretary of Literature and Publications or to the conference secretary, if you have no district officer.

We at Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio, and our distributing offices, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York, and 83 McAllister Street, San Francisco 2, California, are prepared to render prompt and efficient service in the selection of materials.

It is imperative that you order at least two weeks in advance of your need, for all material must be mailed fourth class. During all of the summer and fall months allow longer time.

Use our order blanks when ordering literature, after checking the *Catalogue** for prices.

We need you, your personal enthusiasm, your desire to be a builder of Christian literature foundations that will endure.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth a. Long

(MRS. C. C. LONG)
Circulation Manager,
Woman's Division of Christian Service

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Methodist Prints
Mrs. E. Paul Todd

Dear Secretary of Supply Work:

It is difficult to write an "open letter" and make it very personal, yet that is just what I would like to do. Will you please consider that this is being written just to you?

Each secretary, and especially each new one, is always anxious to know what is *new* in Supply Work. Actually, there is nothing very new about Supply Work, for our methods and plans do not change much from year to year. The real change comes through the presentation of needs by an enthusiastic secretary of Supply Work, and in the desire of folk to meet those needs that can be provided in no other way.

We hope you feel that your particular field of work in the local society is important. If you do not, you will find it very difficult to enthuse or encourage members and friends to go that second mile, to give for the joy of giving, and to give in a systematic way to those who are working in our institutions. Remember, "Your job is just as important as *you* make it!"

Always remember that Supply Work requests are not demands, but are opportunities, after the first obligation, the pledge, has been met or plans made for the completion of the pledge. If you feel that the requests assigned to your society are too large, be sure to inform your district or conference secretary of Supply Work so that the list may be given to another group. Also write to either of these officers if your group desires to do more. Our workers count so very much on the generosity of the women "back home" to furnish the Christmas-like gifts that help to make their work more efficient and their living a bit more comfortable.

The first thing that a secretary of Supply Work should do is to secure a *Handbook for Secretaries of Supply Work.** Study it carefully. In it you will find most of the answers to your questions, plus a list of other materials (under Supply Work Bookshelf) that each secretary should have.

It would be most helpful, as you start a new year of work, to call together the treasurer, the secretary of Youth Work, the secretary of Children's Work, and the one in charge of Supply Work for the Wesleyan Service Guild for an informal meeting to consider Supply Work as it is related to their lines of work. For this meeting, become familiar with your own job, as it is outlined in your *Handbook.* Have copies of a *Handbook on Finance,** which the treasurer should have, the *Record and Report Book** for the local society, and *A Guide.** Spend most of the time discussing finances and reports and the proper channels of both.

New lists are sent out each year timed to reach the local Woman's Society of Christian Service by June. These requests are sent in order to be sure that *all* of the institutions and workers will be remembered with some gifts. It is so very easy to forget *some* projects, when there is an appeal for something from an institution that is big, popular, and well known. We alone are responsible for the work and the workers of the Woman's Division, and we dare not neglect *any* of our own.

We urge that you encourage your society to give as generously as possible to both Home and Foreign institutions of the Woman's Division, and that you send accurate reports *on time* to your district or conference secretary of Supply Work. Be informed and seek opportunities to tell in an enthusiastic and clever manner about the work and the workers where your gifts are needed.

I wish that I knew who wrote the following little verse. Doesn't it describe the type of thing that we wish to do through our giving in Supply Work?

"God might have used his sunset gold more sparingly,
He might have doled his blossoms out quite grudgingly,
He might have put just one wee star in all the sky—
But since He gave so lavishly,
Why should not I?"

Most sincerely yours,

Mrs. E. Paul Todd

Chairman, Committee on Supply Work,
Woman's Division of Christian Service

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Mrs. L. M. Awtrey

Acworth, Georgia

Dear Secretary of Status of Women:

You have been elected the secretary of Status of Women in your Woman's Society, and, to help you carry forward this important work, I am reminding you of a few of the continuing duties.

I. As you take up the responsibilities, may you realize you do not have to carry them alone. One of our greatest needs is to heed the ancient words, "Be still and know that I am God." "In quietness and in confidence" wrote the prophet of old, "shall be your strength."

II. Know your job. To accomplish this aim—

1. Know the women of your local church by making and keeping up-to-date a survey of all women in the church. Use the "Service Activity Cards," * giving name, address, telephone number, talents, training, experience in church and community work, with comments as to potential qualities of leadership. These cards are to be made available to the pastor, society president, and research committee in order that we may conserve and utilize the full woman power for the church and society.

2. Nominate during the year at least one qualified woman to a general board or committee in the local church.

3. Support actively at least one community project for the betterment of women.

4. Have at least one program during the year devoted to the Status of Women.

5. Note the achievements of outstanding women around the world, report these at local meetings, and record them in a scrapbook.

6. Check THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK each month for suggestions or information on promotion of the Status of Women, and call the attention of the society to the article.

7. Promote the *Revised Interim Report of* THE LIFE AND WORK OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH,* and *Women in American Church Life**—as well as the committee's new leaflet, *Methodist Women and Their Status*,* and new pamphlet, *Power and Influence.**

8. Work with the Wesleyan Service Guild, secretaries of Student Work and Youth Work on plans for attracting, recruiting, and training young women now in Methodist colleges for *volunteer* service in the local churches.

9. Cooperate with the above group in interesting and recruiting well-qualified women for "immediate full-time service."

10. Continue working with the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities on the National Citizens' Roll Call of Methodist Women.

As an old year comes to an end, we are saddened that so many of the hopes and aims we had at the beginning have not been fulfilled. Great is the number of things we meant to do, and could have done, but did not do. As we begin the new year, we recall the things that are behind only that we may be strengthened in making better plans for the year just before us. In order to carry forward the goals of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the coming quadrennium, we should accept the responsibility of arousing the women to an awareness of their potentialities—to a sense of stewardship over that which they have in their hands of ability and talent—to the full acceptance of the price of Christian discipleship.

I shall not write you another letter in the "Officer's Letter File," for I did not allow my conference to nominate me. You have been fine leaders. I appreciate your loyalty and your devotion to the work. May God bless you in all your efforts. Let our prayer for the new year be: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. L. M. Awtrey

Chairman, Status of Women,
Woman's Division of Christian Service

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Committee Work

Membership

By MRS. ELOISE WOOLEVER

The work of the Committee on Membership keeps growing in importance. Goal I of the Advance program these past years has been largely the responsibility of this committee—"Every Methodist woman a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, which membership includes the Wesleyan Service Guild." We shall soon have the membership goal for the next quadrennium before us—*United, We Share: all women of Methodism enlisted in the Woman's Society of Christian Service or the Wesleyan Service Guild.* The challenge is great; for only as it reaches all Methodist women, can the Woman's Society of Christian Service fulfill its purpose.

You and your committee will wish first to revise the list of your woman church members, which has been known as the "Responsibility List." If yours is already a 100-per-cent society (every woman church member a member of the Woman's Society or Guild), you can use your efforts in holding and deepening the interest of these women, and study your community for any unenlisted women outside the church. If you have not yet reached this point, you may wish to start with those who expressed themselves as "interested" in signing last year's card, but have not yet become members. And don't overlook those who were *not* interested—and try, tactfully, to find out why!

You will want to work cooperatively with the all-church visitation. This may mean in some cases, tying the two together; in others, clearing with the official board so that different periods of the year are used.

There are numerous methods of approach, and you will know best which will fit your situation. If your society has circles, these can be of help in inviting nonmembers and building them into a friendly fellowship. Young married women with small children, the elderly, the shut-ins, there is a place for all, in membership.

One society found a monthly "morning coffee" for all new members joining that month, a happy plan. Others have Woman's Society cards in the church pews, telling the purpose of the society and Guild. An attractively prepared message of greeting to new women church members, giving the program of all activities, with time and place of circle and monthly meetings of the Woman's Society and Guild, and a cordial invitation to attend, is presented by some societies at the close of the morning church service. Entertaining new members in the homes of society members has proved successful on both sides.

During the year a filmstrip will be prepared dealing with the work of the Committee on Membership. It will make vivid and personal this activity in which you are engaged. Watch THE METHODIST WOMAN for information about how it may be secured.

If your locality has "moving populations," your committee will find helpful the leaflet, *The Church's Job Is My Job,** and the article, "Changing Patterns," in the February, 1952, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. Both contain practical suggestions for finding and welcoming the newcomer within the community, and ways by which your society and church may enrich their own life while reaching out a welcoming hand.

"Holding our own" is just as necessary as recruiting new members. Follow up the absentees by personal call, telephone, or a written word. When you have reason to believe that a member needs companionship or encouragement, select the right person to make a friendly call. Yours may be a gracious and heart-warming service to the whole church. You and your committee will need to have a genuine interest in people, coupled with enthusiasm, tact, patience, persistence, and belief in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Publicity and Printing

The right sort of publicity and public relations is becoming increasingly important. An organization as wide in its work and influence as the Woman's Society of Christian Service should avail itself of all possible channels of publicity, using the church press and the daily and weekly local newspapers. Writing suitable copy for newspapers is relatively simple, if you keep in mind the "five W's" which are fundamental to any story. These are: Who? What? When? Where? Why? And whether the article be long or short, these are necessary ingredients for its success.

Remembering this as basic, you will find the following suggestions also of help:

1. State facts only, not personal opinion.
2. Tell your story briefly, in simple language, then stop.
3. Make the story accurate, coherent, simple in construction.
4. Paragraph and punctuate with care.
5. Take extreme care with *names, initials, titles, hours, subjects.*
6. Avoid slang, wordiness, involved sentences, abbreviations.
7. Be prompt in sending in your article, after the affair you are writing about has taken place.
8. Do not be annoyed if your story is altered to conform to newspaper style.
9. Write about future rather than past events, unless there is real news value in what has happened.
10. Type your article, if possible, and triple space it to give room for the editor to make his changes.
11. When sending facts, give your name, address, telephone number, and the name of your organization.

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12. If sending photos, list all persons shown, rank by rank, left to right. The fewer persons shown, the better, as a rule.

We would add to these—hoping that the word of caution is unnecessary—that courtesy, promptness, and a cooperative spirit in keeping appointments with representatives of the press are important in the interest of efficiency, and because of the impression created and the relationship thus established.

Save for future reference clippings and other information about all lines of work of your society's activities. Report the work done, for inclusion in quarterly and annual reports of the secretary of Promotion.

Publicity is not confined to the printed word—radio and television today play an important part. Also, good publicity might well include the Woman's Society's responsibility to place THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, and any timely books and pamphlets in the local library and community reading room.

The term "public relations" is in frequent usage today. This is closely allied to publicity, but is not identical with it. Public relations might be defined as keeping facts and ideas flowing between an institution, such as the church and its organizations, and the community around it, so as to achieve understanding of the institution and what it represents. This is a field in which each individual member has a part.

NOTE: Acknowledgement is gratefully made to *Churchmen, Let's Go to Press*, by Holt McPherson, for a number of the suggestions used.

A Conducted Tour (continued)

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Left: **Mrs. C. C. Long, circulation manager, keeps close contact with secretaries of Literature and Publications from jurisdiction to local promoting sales of literature and subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.**

Lower left: **Miss Louise O. Humphrey and Mrs. Toki Morioka share an office. Miss Humphrey assists the publication manager in handling manuscripts, planning the quantity and prices of materials.**

Story of the Cover Design.

Below: **Mrs. Toki Morioka, an assistant in production, designed, and with the help of her husband, silk-screened the draperies for the front office and the dining room.**

The horizontal design is M W and L H in Morse code for *The Methodist Woman* and Literature Headquarters. The quilled pen is the motif on the outside wall of the chapel and the other design is the paragraph sign used by proofreaders. All this work is done in lovely shades of brown and soft green on an ecru background. Mr. and Mrs. Morioka made 1,134 impressions to complete these draperies.

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WORSHIP AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Fruit of the Spirit—Devotion

By MRS. LESTER RUMBLE[1]

***"Every devoted thing is most holy unto the Lord"* Lev. 27:28b**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"Jesus, stand among us in thy risen power;
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour."

(*The Methodist Hymnal*, No. 593)

HYMN: "Teach me, my God and King" (*The Methodist Hymnal*, No. 320)

MEDITATION: Under the leadership of God, one of the first lessons which the children of Israel were to learn had to do with the value which God placed upon them as people. He said to Abraham: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing." It was through the life of Abraham, devoted to God, that God was to begin the long process of accomplishing his purpose in the world.

Later when God needed another leader through whom he could further his purpose he said to Moses, "My presence will go with thee." All through religious history God has been revealing to man the use that he can make of a devoted life. The word "devoted" comes from a Latin word meaning "to vow" or "to give completely." A person given completely to God is an instrument for accomplishing his will. One of the miracles of everyday living is the way in which God can use a seemingly inadequate person who is devoted to him to accomplish great things. Such a person, holy unto the Lord, has available all the resources of God with which she can be trusted. All of us know devoted women who in their quiet, devoted manner affect the quality of living of an entire family, of a whole Sunday-school class or department, a Woman's Society of Christian Service, and even of a community.

Not only persons are holy unto the Lord. Every *thing* which is devoted to the Lord takes on an added measure of worth. Five loaves and two fishes, given to Jesus, met the need of a situation for which they were quite insufficient. A Methodist minister and his wife, who never had a salary exceeding one thousand dollars a year, reared and educated not only their own five children but four others as well.

Time, devoted to the Lord, often seems to yield a harvest out of all proportion to the investment made.

In a period of quiet let us think honestly of ourselves and our possessions, and ask ourselves if they are yielding all the returns of which they are capable.

Is my time so ordered and dedicated to the Lord that it is holy unto him? (*Period of silence*)

Is my physical strength adequate for the task to which I have matched it? (*Period of silence*)

Are my talents all released through consecration? (*Silence*) Is my money yielding the greatest possible dividends for God? (*Silence*) Can God's purpose be worked out through my life?

PRAYER: Our Father, wilt thou help us to so dedicate ourselves and all that we have that thou canst make full use of us and our possessions. We ask it in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

1. Remember that General Conference meets in San Francisco, California, April 23 to May 7. The Council of Bishops designated "Sunday, April 20, 1952, a time for earnest supplication that the will of God may be done in and through General Conference." We should make the conference a subject of prayer from now until it adjourns. Watch the newspapers and *The Christian Advocate* for items of interest to report.

2. To feature National Family Week, use the article "The Child as the World's Best Hope for Peace" (pages 39-42) as the basis for a panel discussion or a buzz session.

3. Make plans to participate in your local observance of May Fellowship Day on May 2. The theme is "Spiritual Security for Today's Families."

4. As a salute to Mother's Day and as a means of completing the pledge, if necessary, present the idea of Honorary Baby Memberships. (Page 26.)

5. The service rendered by elected officers and staff members is an example of devotions. Plan a Recognition Service. (1) See if the women can identify each officer by her picture. (2) Have a verbal or written quiz on "Who Said That?" Quote statements from each letter. Ask the women to tell which officer made the statement.

6. Present the WORLD OUTLOOK picture section, "Methodist Mobile Clinic in the Philippines."

7. Review the article "Scarritt College and Home Missions" in the April WORLD OUTLOOK.

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Obligation

By CLARICE FOSTER BOOTH

The mystery of Jesus' birth
Was first revealed to woman's heart.
His first glance found a woman's face;
What joy, her part!

And we are told the seamless robe
Was woven by a woman's hand.
Some followed Christ to Calvary—
A faithful band.

A woman's gift anointed Him
For burial, which some deemed loss.
Christ even planned for woman's care
While on the cross.

And on the Resurrection morn,
The first word spoken by our Lord
Was to a woman grieving there
For One adored.

Lift up your heads, O womankind!—
And serve with gladness in your place.
Responsibility is yours
To sing His grace!

A CHARTER OF RACIAL POLICIES

for The Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church

We Believe

1. We believe that God is the Father of all races and we are His children in one family.

2. We believe that the personality of every human being is sacred.

3. We believe that opportunities for fellowship and service, for personal growth, and for freedom in every aspect of life are inherent rights of every individual.

4. We believe that the visible church of Jesus Christ must demonstrate these principles within its own organization and program.

5. We believe that the Woman's Division as an Agency of The Methodist Church must build in every area it may touch a fellowship and social order without racial barriers.

6. We believe that progress may be advanced by declaring emphatically those policies on which the Woman's Division is determined to move in order to come nearer the ideal.

staff of the Woman's Division of Christian Service shall be selected on the basis of qualifications without regard for race.

The Committee on Nominations of the Woman's Division shall consider all openings for service in the Woman's Division or staff on this principle, giving due consideration to circumstances which will offer opportunity for fruitful and happy service.

2. The institutions and projects of the Woman's Division are instruments by which we may translate the Christian ideals and attitudes of this charter into action.

a. We will employ all missionaries, deaconesses, and other workers, regardless of racial or national background, on the basis of qualifications, and the promise they show for effective work in the field to which they will be sent.

b. The facilities and opportunities offered by our projects and institutions shall be open to all people without discrimination because of racial or national background.

c. Where law prohibits or custom prevents the immediate achievement of these objectives, workers and local boards are charged with the responsibility of creating a public opinion which may result in changing such laws and customs.

3. All promotional plans of the Woman's Division must take into account the various racial groups within its organization pattern and related to its program emphasis.

4. Special guidance toward the integration of all groups into the life and work of the church shall be

5. Summer Schools of Missions and Christian Service of both jurisdictions and conferences are urged to seek increasingly to establish a working relationship across racial lines in planning and carrying out all phases of the programs, taking into account geographical accessibility of groups involved.

6. Summer School subsidies provided for or by any jurisdiction or conference should be available when requested for use at the school most accessible to the person receiving the subsidy.

7. Workshops, seminars, and institutes should be set up on a geographical basis with full opportunity for initial participation by all racial groups in the making and execution of the plans.

8. Local Woman's Societies and Guilds should give increased emphasis to the working together of all racial groups in study and action that affect the life of the church and community.

9. All jurisdiction and conference Woman's Societies are urged to work for the enactment of policies at all Methodist assembly grounds that will enable the full participation of any racial group in any phase of the assembly program.

10. The Woman's Division has consistently observed its established policy for holding its meetings in places where all racial groups can have access to all facilities without discrimination in any form. To extend this policy, jurisdiction and conference Woman's Societies are urged to work for its implementation as a basic step toward building a Christian fellowship within the organization and toward making an impact on the community as a whole.

THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE CALLS WITH NEW URGENCY ON THE JURISDICTION AND CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETIES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE TO STUDY THE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES STATED IN THIS CHARTER, LOOKING TOWARD EARLY RATIFICATION BY EACH JURISDICTION AND CONFERENCE. SUCH A RATIFICATION WILL CONSTITUTE A COMMITMENT TO WORK FOR THE SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF A RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION OR CONFERENCE.

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

MRS. ELOISE A. WOOLEVER.

Executive Secretary, Woman's Section, Division of Education and Cultivation

Mrs. Owen Pfingston, secretary of Promotion of Indiana Conference, has a remarkably well-cultivated Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. This careful cultivation results in constant progress along all lines of work. Mrs. Pfingston believes that group leaders contribute largely to this. So we asked her to write us an article on this theme, and here it is!

—E. A. W.

Mrs. Pfingston *(center front)* with secretaries of Promotion, former and new, of districts in Indiana Conference

Local Society Cultivation Through Group Leaders

OVER a period of years, we of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have found that much of the ultimate success of any undertaking has been through personal contact. Did you ever make a remark like this? "If only there were more hours in the day" or "If I could just make two of myself, think how much more I could get done." If your district is divided into groups or zones, the leaders of these groups can be the precious extra hours or helpful hands that we so often wish for.

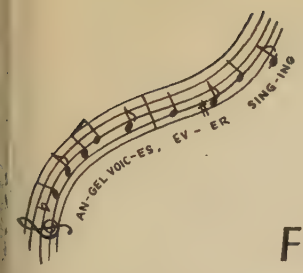
Let us list for you here just a few of the responsibilities that group leaders can assume in meeting this great need in a most wonderful way. The whole secret of an effective district organization is to have well-trained, capable women as group leaders, either appointed by the district president or nominated and elected in the same manner as are the district officers. They need to be as fully dedicated and consecrated to the task as any officer elected. Because their influence is to be felt throughout the societies in their respective groups, Officers' Training Day is a "must" for them as for all officers.

The group leader will be concerned about the churches where there is not a Woman's Society of Christian Service, a Wesleyan Service Guild, members of a Circuit society, or at least a District member. She will be the "go-between" for the president of the district and the local society. Of course, the secretary of Promotion and the district president will complete the organization; however, the group leader will do that important follow-up and counseling which is so important to the newly organized society, not knowing how to make its first step. We all know that personal contact does more good than anything else, and a group leader has the opportunity to have this personal contact with the women of her group that is impossible for a district officer to have. These women are together in county and community work; and when you know people personally you can naturally help them better in solving their problems.

Group leaders are of great value in serving as members of the District Research Committee, since they are constantly contacting capable women who would make splendid officers. It has been said that there is no one who is indispensable; however, in planning the group meetings, the leader is almost just that. She helps on the program committee, by arranging the place of her group meeting and bringing in the talent for special music and devotions from the women of her group. She not only presides at the group meeting, but helps much with publicity. Her news notices reach farther than the big city paper. They go into the county papers, small radio stations, and, yes—even over the "party line."

A district secretary of Promotion could find a group leader a tremendous help in getting those last-minute reports to help make her district and her conference 100 per cent. If a trip must be made she is in a strategic geographical location to "go and get it"—that report!

It is with a great deal of pride that Mrs. Group Leader will say at the close of the year, "The churches in my group are completely organized, each society has sent a report on time, and from each one there was representation at district meetings and summer school." Yes, group leaders are of great value to the district organization, and a wonderful help in promoting the entire work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. THEY ARE TRULY "LOVING THEIR WORK, AND WORKING THEIR LOVE."



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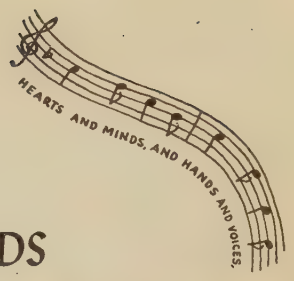

THANK GIVING FOR ADVANCE
LET US THANK GOD
FOR WORKING THROUGH OUR HANDS

THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

"*THE work of our hands, establish Thou it.*" (Psalms 90:17.)

Look for a moment at your own hand. You may like to do as the children sometimes do, and trace around it on a sheet of paper. What do you see?

THE INDEX FINGER points the way. There is purpose and direction in our activity in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. We know what our money will do in the twenty-six countries where it will go to work. We know what our service in the local church will accomplish, making it more stable—more beautiful—wider in its community outreach.

THE MIDDLE FINGER—taller than the others—indicates size and strength. Shall we regard it as a symbol of our sustained giving at the highest level we have reached? And a reaching up toward an increased giving, wherever possible?

THE RING FINGER bears our treasure. Our Master's familiar words remind us that where our treasure is, there will our heart be also. The ring finger, then, suggests to us sacrificial giving as we renew our resolve and echo David's words of old—"Neither will I offer . . . unto the Lord . . . that which doth cost me nothing." (II Samuel 24:24.)

THE LITTLE FINGER represents the little gifts—the little services—small in themselves maybe, but amounting to surprising totals. Penny-a-day plans—sunshine bags—extra quarters in the Atlas envelope—the small change we may put aside from weekly marketing—the little savings from carfare when we walk instead of ride. "Gather up the fragments, . . ." directed the Master, "that nothing be lost." (John 6:12.)

THE THUMB is the coordinator of the hand. It brings into "group action" the functions of the various fingers. It integrates and makes the hand effective. THE WORK OF OUR HANDS THROUGH OUR WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE IS AN ALL-ROUND PROGRAM, WITH ITS VARIOUS SERVICES INTERRELATED.

(This theme was suggested by an article prepared by Mrs. G. P. Helgeson, secretary of Promotion, North Central Jurisdiction.)

The "ENLIGHTENMENT TO THE WORLD" QUILT was the handiwork of Mrs. Leldon F. Jones with the cooperation of other members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Kosse, Texas. The design is original. The Advance emblem of the Woman's Division of Christian Service is at the center, with small figures of the Statue of Liberty forming spokes of light in a great wheel.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING FOR ADVANCE

"I thank God for our society, organized during the Advance."—*Mrs. Velma Barnette, St. Johns Church, Avon, North Carolina.*

"Grateful, whole Advance Program. Women more conscious, work and needs."—*Mrs. F. Nelson Bridgham, 174 Westford Circle, Springfield, Massachusetts.*

"We give thanks for more earnest Christian women working together."—*Mrs. William C. McDonald, Rodessa, Louisiana.*

"O-thers: U-nited R-ededication. A-wareness, D-aring, V-ision, A-mazing N-umbers, C-ooperation, E-vangelism."—*Mrs. J. H. Bancroft, 54 Westgate Road, West Asheville, North Carolina.*

"Gratitude for increased interest and attendance during Week of Prayer."—*Mrs. Paul Haley, Jasper, Alabama.*

"Advance taught us to use Hearts, Minds, and handy Hands."—*Miss Zoe Bashline, Mt. Joy Woman's Society, Sligo, Pennsylvania.*

"Thankful for deeper spiritual life, increased membership, and gifts."—*Washington Conference.*

"We thank Thee, O God, for the power of prayer."—*Emma C. Elliott, 900 E. Ocean Front, Balboa, California.*

"We see the Advance working for bigger, better community spirit."—*Mrs. E. O. DeLap, R. R. No. 7, Paris, Illinois, Harmony Church.*

"We thank God for THE METHODIST WOMAN'S Advance Clipper page."—*Mrs. Stanley Semin, president, Tamora Woman's Society, Nebraska.*

BABIES ARE HERE TO STAY

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS are in many conferences one of our untapped resources. Recognizing this, and knowing a woman's pride in being a grandmother, Mrs. Howard M. LeSourd made a novel presentation of Baby Memberships at the fall meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the New England Conference.

"Babies Are Here to Stay," was Mrs. LeSourd's topic. She explained that one of the privileges of being a grandmother is the paying of $5.00 for an Honorary Baby Membership for the child to be honored.

Cards were placed in the hands of the women as they entered the church. During the singing of children's hymns, a ten-months'-old baby was wheeled down the aisle by her mother, followed by her own grandmother and a long line of other grandmothers (even a great-grandmother!), each of whom placed in the carriage at the altar a signed card making her grandchild a "member."

***Suggestions as follows for presenting the Baby Membership plan in the local society* were circulated throughout the conference:**

1. Appoint Baby Membership chairman.

2. Send to district treasurer for number of pledge cards needed, well in advance of meeting where presentation takes place.

3. Plant a few cards in advance among friends who will respond quickly to public appeal.

4. Ushers pass out cards to each person attending meeting, as they come in.

5. Presentation.

6. Have a lovely young mother push baby in carriage down aisle, following five-minute presentation.

7. Allow time for signing pledge cards.

8. Invite all who pledged to come down aisle and put cards in baby carriage.

Facts for use in appealing for Special Memberships

In letters to new Christians, St. Paul frequently admonished them to honor one another. But usually sincere Christians are so eager to express appreciation to those to whom they are indebted and to honor those whom they admire, that they do not need to be enjoined to do so; their problem is to discover appropriate *ways* of expression.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service offers one solution to that problem through Special Memberships.

The purpose of Special Memberships is twofold: provide a way to honor our new members, and at the same time add to the funds to carry on the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Credit is given on the pledge of the local societies as an *extra* fund.

It is not possible for individuals to designate gifts for Special Memberships for any particular project. These gifts, therefore, undergird the total program and play an important part in providing funds for the support of that program.

Names and gifts for Special Memberships are sent through the regular channels. The names of all persons to receive Special Memberships, with the names and addresses of persons to whom certificates are to be mailed, should be sent together with the membership gift, by the local treasurer to the district treasurer, who will forward them to the conference treasurer.

Honorary Baby Membership. For babies and for children through the fifth year: represents a gift of five dollars to the work of the Division. Each child so honored is presented with a certificate.

100 PERCENTERS

The following Woman's Societies of Christian Service report every woman member of the church a member of the society. Listing is by conferences.

PHILADELPHIA: Northwest District—Evansburg
WEST VIRGINIA: Beckley District—Itmann
KENTUCKY: Covington District—Big Bone • Frankfort District—Sadieville and White Oak • Lexington District—Mt. Zion and New Springs
MISSISSIPPI (S. E.): Jackson District—Pearl City
NORTH CAROLINA (S. E.): Durham District—Pleasant Green, Flint Ridge • Raleigh District—Middlesex, Pleasant Plains • Rocky Mount District—Yorks Chapel
NORTH GEORGIA: La Grange District—Odessadale, Hopewell, Chipley • Decatur-Oxford District—Glen Haven, Zoar
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA: Charlotte District—1 society • Marion District—1 society • Salisbury District—1 society
DETROIT: Port Huron District—Thomas • Saginaw Bay District—Curran, Sunshine
INDIANA: Indianapolis District—West Newton
IOWA-DES MOINES: Des Moines District—North River
MINNESOTA: Central District—Bird Island • Mankato District—Holly
NORTH INDIANA: Ft. Wayne District—Roll
NORTH IOWA: Cedar Rapids District—Minerva • Davenport District—Miles • Dubuque District—Ridgeway
NORTHWEST INDIANA: Lafayette District—Kentland, Webb Chapel, Santa Anna, Zion, Camden
OHIO: Dayton District—Park Union
WISCONSIN: Watertown District—Johnson Creek
CENTRAL KANSAS: Colby District—Grainfield • Winfield District—Antrim
NORTH ARKANSAS: Batesville District—Gassville
RIO GRANDE: Southern District (Texas)—San Diego, Donna, Eagle Pass, Robestown, Weslaco, Hebbronville, Raymondville, Lasara, Pearsall • Northern District (Texas)—Brady, Houston • Western District (Texas)—El Divino Redentor, El Paso (Spanish Church) (New Mexico)—Artesia
SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Corpus Christi District—Wesley (Corpus Christi) • San Angelo District—Hilda
TEXAS: Houston East District—Fresno
COLORADO: Greeley District—Grace Church

The following district is newly reported as 100 per cent organized. This means there is a Woman's Society of Christian Service, or a member or members, or a Wesleyan Service Guild, in every church of the district.

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE: Richmond District

A DOLLAR TALKS TO HIS FRIENDS

Listen, friends, I have a story I'd like to tell you. I have really had a hard life. You can never imagine how much a dollar bill must go through in order to make something of himself.

You nickels and dimes and pennies are often called upon to do Christian work. There are so many special things for you, especially you pennies. There are penny-a-meal banks, a mile of pennies, and Lenten offerings. Now of course you dimes and nickels go to church every Sunday. Yes, I *go*, but that is all. I never get a bit of fresh air. I am always in a stuffy old pocket or purse. Then back home to stay, or off to something uninteresting. I always wanted to go into Christian Service.

One day I was taken to a Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting. There was a lady who came to speak and she had some children with her. She did not ask for money, but she did tell how much money could do in the Community Center, to help boys and girls like these who had just taken part in the program, to give them a new outlook on life. The way she spoke, you would have thought that money really was important. She told us that the Community Center has over five hundred children coming each week, and that the budget is twelve thousand dollars a year. I said, "Whew! that's a lot of dollars." I have seen lots of those fellows in the making and been one of them also.

Then I began to squirm and cried for air and service. Here was my chance to make the break. I have heard about so many who could not be educated, needs for hospitals, needs of the Indians and Mexicans, the Puerto Ricans, and so forth, about work in crowded cities. Work like this lady talked about —and I wanted to be out doing something.

I was thrilled when that purse opened, and I tried to get out; but would you believe it, that woman pushed me down and took out her handkerchief to wipe away some tears. Can you believe it? There I could have dried many tears, if only given a chance!

Then to my surprise, the lady in charge asked that a plate be passed and that each one put in a love gift. My lady opened her purse again to put her handkerchief away, and I thought, "Well, Bill, you are doomed to stay here." I cried out, "Please put me in!" She took me out and looked at me, but said, "You are not enough." There were four others of my brothers and sisters there, and she took them out also and put us all in. . . .

I tell you I am thrilled; but of course you already know how wonderful it is to do Christian Service. Just hope I never get stuck in a stuffy old pocket or purse again!

(Ruth A. Flaherty, *deaconess. Superintendent, Deaconess Home and Community Center, Camden, New Jersey*)

LOOK TO THE FUTURE . . .

Each Visitation plan brings to light certain facts which help in future planning. The Progressive Visitation has been no exception. Direct quotations from a variety of sources are given elsewhere in these pages, but we are here concerned with some of the general lasting values revealed in many letters and reports received.

THE VISITATION WAS A SOURCE OF STRENGTH TO THE TOTAL CHURCH, and a cooperative project. A community Methodist church in Arizona faced the Visitation with a pastor who was new in the conference and anxious to make a parish survey: 500 names on constituency rolls to be called upon. The Woman's Society of Christian Service, though not large, entered vigorously into this Visitation. Twenty-five women in three weeks make 450 calls. Twenty new church members were acquired, and 11 new circles for the Woman's Society.

The pastor of a church whose Woman's Society gained 33 members in one afternoon addressed the women, expressing his pleasure in the "unified approach" of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to the work of the church.

In the Savannah District of the South Georgia Conference, the district superintendent spoke over the radio, with the district president of the Woman's Society, for the "Link" broadcast.

A very small society writes concerning the Visitation, "It has helped each one of us. Our Sunday-school attendance has increased because of it. Our church as a whole has improved spiritually."

WIDE USE OF THE RADIO has been made by a number of districts, resulting in reaching not only the women to whom the messages were directed, but a wider unseen audience. The scripts for these broadcasts show enthusiasm, creative power, and real acquaintance with the work.

YOUNG WOMEN WERE BROUGHT IN. "Seven of the ten new members are younger women," writes one society. "We are using our young married women as hostesses," says another.

THE COMMUNITY BECAME THE UNIT, even though the stress was on the individual woman.

AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE AVAILABLE "WOMAN POWER" of the church has been gained, which will bring added light on future planning.

"FROM JULY TO NOVEMBER"

"In July the first committee met at the church to go through the file of membership. . . . In the packet sent each hostess was a white paper daisy on the petals of which she was to write the names of her 'Link' guests. At the November Results Meeting the completed daisy chain was a picture to remember. Two hundred twenty-five women, already members, had attended; twenty signed as ready to join; forty-nine as interested."

First Methodist Church, Bloomington
Indiana Conference

THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IN THE ADVANCE PROGRAM

"We had eighty women on our church roll and we divided them into eight 'Links.' (All except one of these Links held meetings as scheduled, and members of this Link were contacted and cards signed.) We added twelve new members, bringing our total to fifty. Besides adding new members, this program has succeeded in bringing our members closer together. As a climax we met at the parsonage for a party in honor of the new members. It was strictly fun and everybody just relaxed and enjoyed it. I feel that this has been the most important step in the entire Advance program."

Stockdale, Texas
Southwest Texas Conference

"POCASSET IS A TINY TOWN"

"In spite of the bad weather at the Results Meeting we gained two new members, and according to the cards there are several others that will join. For each of the four Link meetings we made a big Woman's Society of Christian Service emblem and presented '*Symbols That Live*' (*THE METHODIST WOMAN*, October, 1951, page 3). Most of the members had not known the emblem, or the meaning of the different parts. We were proud of the results."

Pocasset, Oklahoma
West Oklahoma Conference

ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH: MEMBERSHIP, 1,300

"Five hundred twenty women were entertained at Progressive Visitation parties one afternoon and evening by forty-five hostesses. The chairman had previously entertained the hostesses, explained the plan, and assigned all women of the church, Woman's Society, Guild, and new or unchurched Methodists in the city in groups of ten or fifteen, largely by neighborhoods. Absentees were remembered with letters, refreshments, and visits. The women were drawn closer together, interest was renewed, and gains in membership continue. The unanimous comment is, 'We had a wonderful time.' "

Anderson, South Carolina
South Carolina Conference
Southeastern Jurisdiction

THE SPIRIT OF SUCCESS

"The Woman's Society of Christian Service has had twenty-five new members since June 1. Fifty signed as 'interested.' Most of these fifty are shut-ins that we visit and show an interest in at least once a month. We are in hopes of forming them into a circle. The Guild has had twenty-eight new members since June 1, and five who have signed as interested."

Clinton, North Carolina
North Carolina Conference
Southeastern Jurisdiction

"NEVER AGAIN TOO DOUBTFUL"

"I was so skeptical about the Visitation Plan, and was really overwhelmed by the result. It was a very busy time for us farm women, but the turnout was good, not only of prospective members but old members who hadn't been coming. We had an enormous crowd (for our society) at our Results Meeting. I have to admit I was too doubtful—never again!"

Central Kansas Conference

WJHL

"Good afternoon, listening friends: on behalf of the women of First Methodist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, I wish to welcome you to this program and to express our deep appreciation to Mr. Lancaster, owner of WJHL, for this time he has so graciously given. Today there are gathered in homes over our city about forty groups of the women of First Methodist Church, in the Progressive Visitation Plan. This is a united program given simultaneously for all the groups at this hour. One should not doubt the power of prayer, which works in mysterious ways, when one hears voices out of the unseen, over the radio."

Introduction to broadcast,
Johnson City, Tennessee
Holston Conference

"Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Thy hand."

(Samuel Longfellow)

Information and Action

Dear Friends:

The eyes of the nation and the world are focused on Washington as these words are written. Will a Universal Military Training program actually be authorized by Congress? Will the youth of this nation face a possible eight years of uncertain military training or service at the most crucial period of their lives? Will Congress get at this eleventh hour a vision of our international responsibility that will regard support of United Nations and Technical Assistance as a part of a program for a just peace in the world? Will this nation forget its heritage and follow the pattern of totalitarian governments, or will we commit ourselves with new determination to ways of peace?

A group of prominent churchmen of this nation have issued "a call to Prayer," and with it a Prayer is suggested for use by local churches and synagogues as well as in private devotions. The following petition is a part of the Prayer and may well be our prayer in these troubled days:

"Forgive us, we pray, for putting such pre-eminent trust in weapons of destruction and for our tragic lack of faith in the power of justice, good will, and thy saving grace.

"Forgive us for wasting our material resources, and for failing to use them in the arts of creative peace. . . . Grant that all the nations may strive to curb their pride and devote themselves to the achievement of mutual trust, high rivalry in good will, and in creative competition to see which one can give most to the well-being of the world. . . . May it be said of us that we are blessed because we are numbered among the peacemakers of the world. Amen."

If "the child is the world's best hope for peace," we must conserve those things that make life good for the children and youth of this nation and the world. These pages suggest that "mass media"—radio, television, comics—may make inroads into the life of the child. Why not give some attention to these influences in your own church and community?

On pages 39-42 of this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN you will find the address delivered by Katharine Lenroot at the annual meeting of the Woman's Division in January. It is entitled, "The Child as the World's Best Hope for Peace." You may want to use it as a part of your resource materials for National Family Week, May 4-11, or as a basis for circle programs.

The center-page spread of this April issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN brings to you the recently adopted "Charter of Racial Policies for the Woman's Division." Why not ask your president or your Committee on Program to make special plans to bring this Charter to the attention of your entire Woman's Society or Guild at an early date? It might even be printed in your church bulletin to acquaint the entire church with its content. An attractive poster will be available at Literature Headquarters. Watch for the announcement and order one for use on your bulletin board.

Let us work as we pray to bring justice and peace to all the peoples of the world. Our own churches and communities offer us "proving grounds."

Sincerely yours,
THELMA STEVENS
DOROTHY WEBER
MARGARET R. BENDER

Mass Media and Family Life

Everyone has an opinion, and usually one on which he is very vocal, about television or the comic book or the movies or some other favorite type of mass media and its effect upon today's children. It may be possible to use this interest, which represents a very real concern, in stimulating interest in the Family Life Workshops or other types of meetings on which Methodists are concentrating this spring in their follow-up of the Mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth, the Family Life Conference of The Methodist Church, and our study, "The Family, a Christian's Concern."

One of the most valuable features of the Family Life Conference in Chicago in October was the panel on Modern Mass Media and Their Effects Upon the Child and the Family. Excerpts from it might be used as follows:

The excerpts might be read to the group as the first step in evoking a good discussion. A skilled discussion leader might first explain the source of the material and sug-

gest that the audience should be listening first to see whether they agree or disagree with the statements made, and second, to see what suggestions for constructive action can be derived from them. Then two people might read the excerpts—perhaps providing added interest by taking the parts of the experts.

Following this, the leader might ask the group to break up into small groups of six to discuss their reactions and suggestions. At the end of six minutes let the group be recalled and the leader can, by calling upon the chairman selected by each of the groups, rapidly get a good discussion going. A scribe should be appointed to put the suggestions for action on the blackboard for group discussion and evaluation.[1] One good bit of action might be the discussion of Senate Bill 2444 which would "prohibit the broadcasting over radio and television of advertisements of distilled spirits for beverage purposes."

Notes from panel participant, Josette Frank, associate editor of the Child Study Association of America: "Books, newspapers and magazines, comics, movies, radio—and now television—have each in turn, come to be a part of our lives. For better or worse, these are today's tools for talking with one another. Through them we have amplified our voices, and are sending our ideas to the ends of the earth. We cannot un-invent any of these mechanisms, and most of us would not wish to do so. We cannot screen out their voices or fence our children from them. But we can learn to use these instruments, and to use them wisely and well.

"It will, perhaps, help us to gain some perspective in our present perplexity, if we recall that printing was at first not welcomed by parents as an unmixed blessing. Books—especially secular books—were viewed with mistrust; they might give children ideas over which parents had no control. Over the years we have not only *accepted* books, but have come to regard them as a "must" for children. At the same time, books have increased the task for parents, who need to know what the children are reading, to help them select, and to interpret the ideas that they find in the printed page. In the same way we will have to guide them through the sounds and sights now being presented to their eager ears and eyes. . . . For certain children—especially young children—parents will have to decide what is *too* much. To do so, however, they will have to recognize the difference between real fright and "delicious danger." . . . Parents are called upon, too, to help young people evaluate the wide range of morals and standards that are presented. . . . Still other difficulties for parents derive from the very availability and persuasiveness of these mass media. . . . There are programs, and movies too, that parents and children can enjoy together. . . . Such shared pleasures can form a bond between parents and children, replacing—or better still, supplementing—the fine, unifying custom of family reading together. . . . It would be unfortunate, too, if all the problems and difficulties were allowed to obscure the almost unlimited resources which the new arts of communication place in our hands for the enrichment of our children. . . . Whether we think of these media as education or entertainment, or both . . . what ideas they will convey rests, in the last analysis, with us. . . . We shall raise the standards . . . only as we develop taste and discrimination in an ever larger audience."

Excerpts from Dr. W. Clark Ellzey, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri: "One thing you can do regarding radio. Go down to the station and ask the program director to let you see the logbook for the next twenty-eight days. It will frighten him when you mention twenty-eight days, for that is a trade term, and it will make him think that you know more than you do. Ask particularly what his educational programs are, and what programs he offers in the interest of public service. He is much more likely to have programs that are educational, if he knows citizens are watching him. . . . I hold no hope of television as correcting the defects of radio. . . . In fact it seems to me that television is just following along. Advertising is becoming more and more prominent and more and more offensive. The programs are becoming stereotyped, I believe. . . . Probably the time is not far distant when a few soap manufacturers and tobacco rollers and whisky distillers will decide the television fare of the country. . . . I do not believe that we can better the mass media by standing aloof. A president of a theological seminary said in 1930, 'The movies must be awful, at least they look that way from the street; I have never been in one of them.' No, no, my friends, that is not the way to improve the movies or anything else. *Prepare your own films, do your own radio programs, prepare better literature, produce your own television programs.*

"We have a wonderful precedent in the field of mental health with regard to the preparation of films. Five years ago there were none. . . . Within the coming ten years it appears that adequate films will be prepared in mental health to take care of the need and cover basic problems. . . . Religion is going to have to do what mental health did. It is going to have to make its own films."

TREASURERS NOTE!

Information has been sent out by Miss Henrietta Gibson, treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, that May 25, 1952, is the date for *her office to receive* the final reports from the treasurers of conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service for this fiscal year. It is understood that the treasurers of the Woman's Societies in the local churches will not have to close their books until May 10.

[1] *How to Use Discussion 66*, Department of Interreligious Cooperation, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 327 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 4, Illinois. 5 cents per copy; 10 copies, 25 cents.

Program Suggestions

THE program materials of the Woman's Division of Christian Service are *your* materials. You may enlarge upon them, adapt them when necessary, but *do* use them. In the *Program Book, 1951-1952** each program may be used to great value in the monthly Guild meeting.

APRIL MEETING

Needless to say, the April topic, "Humanizing Labor Relations," is one that is of special interest to the gainfully employed woman. We hope you will make the best of this chance to study the opportunities to improve labor conditions, when we have such excellent material at hand. Recent program suggestions in THE METHOIST WOMAN have stressed panel discussions. From among members of your local Guilds you should be able to arrange some very interesting ones, from the standpoints both of labor and of management. Supplementary to the materials already suggested in the program outline for April, is *The Christian at His Daily Work,* by Cameron Parker Hall. Every Guild should have a copy of this excellent booklet dealing with the Christian meaning of work for today. Particularly helpful are the questions it raises for use in group discussion. Copies may be obtained from the Department of the Church and Economic Life, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Price, 35 cents.

In a study of this kind, we want action as a result of the program. Some things we can do as a follow-up are given on pages 87 and 88 of the *Program Book.* Many other interesting and more specific and detailed activities will be brought out by Guild members as you bring this program to life.

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

Now is the time to start putting the final touches to plans for the May meeting. This, as you know, is the month for the pledge service, and it should be made especially meaningful. The *Program Book* stresses the work that is made possible through our regular pledges to the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. In this connection you may want to point up some of our projects in a more specific way. Be sure to consult current issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK for information on fields and institutions. Remember, too, that in the Guild Office there are 2 x 2 slides on Aldersgate Camp and on Facultad Evangelica de Teologia, Buenos Aires. Also you can secure slides on the work at MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma from Elizabeth Thompson, Box 270, Houma, Louisiana.

But do not depend on visual aids alone. Do your own digging to find interesting materials about the Woman's Division projects, especially those which are not so familiar to our Guild members. Most likely every Guild has copies of the two booklets, *Do You Know?** listing the projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Also, consult your Woman's Division *Catalogue.**

We want to be careful not to crowd too much into this meeting, however, for the pledge worship service should be a beautiful one, and the entire program works up to a climax in it. A worship service is more meaningful when all members of the group have adequate opportunity to participate in it. If you are using Program A, it will be wise to arrange now to have copies made of the scriptural mosaic in the May service of the *Worship Booklet,** page 17, so that all members may have it to use during the service.

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Some of your Guilds will need to know more about basic and personal reasons for making a pledge. If your Guild is a new one, or more particularly if your members do not know the background of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Guild, be sure to refer to *The World Stands Out on Either Side,** the booklet of programs for new Woman's Societies and Guilds. You will find pertinent materials in sessions 3 and 8.

In preparing your members to make pledges, it may help to remind them of the Atlas Plan which stresses the fact that 25 cents supports the total work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for a second, $15.00 for one minute.

A TRIP TO MISSION FIELDS

Here is an interesting way in which one Guild presented the missionary work of the Woman's Division: "We took our members on an imaginary trip around the world, using maps to help the imagination trace the route of the trip. We secured these maps from Literature Headquarters: a world map to show the location of our foreign work, and a map of the United States which indicated the name and location of every piece of work supported by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

"We started the trip from our local town and traced the route as we would a vacation trip. The leader conducted the tour, and had

someone meet the party at each stop. This member impersonated the worker, described briefly the physical setting, and told of the work being done.

"For information regarding each project or missionary, we consulted the July-August, 1951, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, the *Guild Handbook,** the *Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service,** and the two *Do You Know?* * booklets.

"To visit the Home mission projects we planned an imaginary bus trip, but for the foreign mission work an airplane was necessary so we might make the round trip and be back in time for refreshments.

"After taking the make-believe trip, we feel that some will be stimulated to visit these or other mission stations in person. And we hope that some member of the party will be inspired to volunteer her life and talents for full-time Christian service."

ON BEING INFORMED

DO YOU KNOW—that we have mentioned the *Do You Know?** booklets twice in this issue?—
that there are two of them, one listing Foreign projects, the other Home projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service?
that the Home project issue has been revised recently?
that the revision of the one on Foreign projects is just about off the press?

ARE YOU USING . . .

The *Prayer Calendar?** In it one project is listed for special prayer for each day in the year. It also gives valuable, concentrated information concerning both projects and workers of the Woman's Division. Chairmen of Spiritual Life should urge the use of the *Prayer Calendar* in all Guilds. Our missionaries and deaconesses need to be strengthened by our prayers.

WHAT'S GUILDING?

The Central Methodist Church Wesleyan Service Guild of Endicott, New York, has been awarded the seven-branch brass candelabra for the second year. The candelabra, given by Miss Evaline L. Korn to inspire greater emphasis on publicity, is awarded each year for the best publicity scrapbook in the Northeastern Jurisdiction. Miss Elizabeth Stevens is the president and publicity chairman of the winning Guild.

The Florida Conference Guild Weekend, held recently at the Sherry Frontenac, Miami Beach, was well represented by each district, with over 100 in attendance. Among the speakers were Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin, Mrs. Walter H. Beckhamand, and Dr. Luis Molna of Miami University. With the enthusiasm that was evidenced throughout the weekend, it was felt that those who attended would go back to their local Guilds with renewed determination to bring all employed women of The Methodist Church into one family of service to God and to mankind. The conference Guild secretary, Miss Leona Lyle, 1720 Hollywood Avenue, Winter Park, Florida, will send information on request regarding the details that were given each member and the follow-up that was done as a means of evaluation of the weekend.

Contributions to Seward Nurses' Home should be sent in for appropriations as part of the pledge. They should be sent through the regular channels designated as "Wesleyan Service Guild Missionary Project" within pledge.

SUMMER VACATION SUGGESTION

A trip to missions of the Southwest is one of the "go and know tours" planned for young adults under the Joint Department of Missionary Education. The dates, July 6 to 13; cost about $100.00 plus transportation to and from your home. Plans include visits to San Antonio, Laredo, Monterrey in Old Mexico, and the Rio Grande Valley; worship in Latin-American churches, and attendance at the young adult summer assembly of the Rio Grande (Latin American) and Southwest Texas (Anglo) Annual Conferences. Reservations must be made immediately. Send registration fee of $15.00 to Edwin F. Tewksbury, Joint Department of Missionary Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild met January 4 to 6 at Buck Hill Falls for its annual meeting with fifteen out of eighteen members in attendance. The presiding officers were Mrs. Charles W. Mead, chairman, and Mrs. George Dismukes, vice-chairman. Dr. Glora Wysner, guest speaker, gave an unusually thought-provoking message on "Empowered for the Christian Mission." Resource people included Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and various staff members who gave an over-all picture of the work of the Woman's Division, and who led the Standing Committee members to deep thinking and prayer as to the place of the Guild in the total program. The true value of the meeting will rest with members of local Guilds everywhere, as they seek to interpret and take action on the findings of the Standing Committee. You will hear more of this from your jurisdiction, conference, and district officers and in future issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

WANTED!

Chorus Music for Korea

I am planning to go to Ewha College in Korea. The music I had accumulated over a period of years had to be left in China. I need chorus music—sacred or secular, women's voices or mixed voices, easy or difficult, two or three copies alike, enough for a chorus, standard oratorios! Let your old music sing again! All you send me will be sorted and "matched up" and greatly appreciated. Address packages to:

Miss Frances S. Fulton,
123 Wilson Street,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

The Missionary Bulletin Board

Recent Arrivals From—

China: Miss Amber Van, 410 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, Apt. 143.

India: Miss Frances Johnson, 6315 King Avenue, Bell, California.

Malaya: Misses Eva Sadler, 11 Seventh Street, Lakewood, New Jersey; Ann Harder, 62 Riverview, Reedley, California.

Mexico: Miss Clara Gibson, 3662 West 112 Street, Inglewood 2, California.

Peru: Misses Opal Meier, Riesel, Texas; Mary Helen Games, Pataskala, Ohio; Josephine Abrams, Box 307, Whitmire, South Carolina.

Portuguese East Africa: Miss Mabel Michel, c/o A. S. Durham, Tipton, Indiana.

Southern Rhodesia: Miss Marguerite Deyo, 232 West Sinclair Street, Wabash, Indiana.

Recent Sailings For—

Belgian Congo: Miss Annimae White.

Brazil: Misses Zula Terry, Mary Bowden, Frances Bowden.

Burma: Miss Etha Nagler.

India: Misses Lora Battin, Mary L. Eide (both transferred from China).

Liberia: Miss Uniola Adams (transferred from China).

Southern Rhodesia: Miss Clara Nutting, M.D. (transferred from China).

Uruguay: Miss Faye Brost.

In Memoriam

Miss Marianne Sutton, **a missionary of the former Minneapolis Branch, passed away November 30, 1951, at the age of 77. She was appointed in 1907 and taught in the schools in Malaya, both in Singapore and Taiping. She did not return to the foreign field after her first furlough, due to a physical handicap, but her heart and interest were always with the missionary work.**

Deaconess Augusta E. Ariss **passed away suddenly on January 9, 1952, following a heart attack at Long Beach, California. Miss Ariss was graduated from the Chicago Deaconess Training School in 1896. She was the pioneer deaconess in Montana who built up the Montana Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls and others that grew from it in Havre, Billings, and Bozeman. She will be greatly missed by her host of friends and associates.**

Deaconess Josephine S. Fisk, **beloved worker who was graduated from the New England Deaconess Training School in Boston in 1896, passed away in the New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, on January 6, 1952. Miss Fisk spent the greater part of her years of active service as superintendent of several deaconess homes —Boston, Providence, and Minneapolis. She also served as chaplain at Palmer Memorial Hospital, Boston. She was retired in 1933 and resided in the Home for Aged Methodist Women, Concord, Massachusetts.**

Deaconess Blanche M. Fuller **was graduated in 1905 from the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Training School, Cincinnati, Ohio, and as a nurse from The Christ Hospital of that city in 1911. She served as assistant superintendent of The Christ Hospital from 1911-1917, when she became superintendent of the Methodist Hospital at Omaha, Nebraska, where she remained until 1933. Prior to her retirement in 1938, Miss Fuller served as superintendent of the Montana Deaconess Hospital, Great Falls, Montana. Miss Fuller resided in Forest Grove, Oregon. She entered her Eternal Home early on the morning of January 5, 1952, which was the date of the forty-sixth anniversary of her consecration as a deaconess.**

Africa

In the autumn of 1951 the Woman's Division of Christian Service sent seventeen A-3's to Africa. This means seventeen missionaries went to serve for three years on the field. Those for the Mozambique and Portuguese territory had three useful months of study in Lisbon. As this goes to press they are probably leaving for their fields of service.

The following are excerpts from some of their letters:

Elisabethville, Congo Belge
September 28, 1951

"At last I'm here. Elisabethville is all everyone said it was. Our house is very comfortable and convenient.

"Lois Person gives us a *Swahili* lesson every day. When the Christmas vacation is over, I'll start teaching a little in the school, and one of the African teachers will help me with my *Swahili* for an hour each day.

"On Sunday mornings we sit through an hour and a half church service in Swahili, and in the evening we go through the same thing in French at the European service."

Lodja, Congo Belge,
November 21, 1951

"The Central Congo group has finally arrived at Lodja, a dream fulfilled. For all of us the trip over was a wonderful experience.

"We have been studying *Otetela* and find the language fascinating, although we sometimes wonder if we'll know enough to begin work in January. We go every afternoon to the mission village to converse in *Otetela* with the people. In this way we learn much about the way they live.

"This past weekend we went on a field trip to one of the native villages. We had a grand time staying in a rest home, cooking on a native stove, and sleeping on cots. The Africans were friendly and receptive. At night we watched children playing games, listened to some of the folklore, and then an elderly man told us the history of their tribe."

January 6, 1952

"Today we were oriented into one phase of the Girls' Home work—that of taking the girls to their village to preach to their people. It is interesting to note how eager these girls are to tell their people about Christianity."

Nyadiri Mission, Southern Rhodesia
December 5, 1951

"I am so glad I arrived here in time to see the graduations at Nyadiri. Miss Whitney's nurses are lovely in their new white uni-

forms. I have been welcomed most cordially both by the staff and by the students. The night we arrived, a group of students sang to us on the front steps."

Mutambara, Southern Rhodesia
December 19, 1951

"After visiting all the stations I am convinced that Mutambara is the best. We love it here. All the missionaries have made us feel at home. Last Monday I delivered my first baby in Africa. The mother let me name it. I called him *John*. The Africans are so appreciative of all we do for them. I only wish I could do more."

En route to Elisabethville,
Congo Belge, December 13, 1951

"What a wonderful trip we had! We were in Monrovia, Liberia, from 11 o'clock one morning until the same time the next morning. Harold Boeher chauffeured us all over the place in Miss Browne's car (she is really a darling). We visited Bishop and Mrs. King and saw the whole town. That evening we all had a beach picnic."

Constantine, Algeria, North Africa
January 27, 1952

"French is progressing beautifully. Now we have begun night classes at the *Universite Populaire*, in addition to our regular lessons. In spite of the cold weather, everything is fine. There will always be problems, but then there are many marvelous opportunities for service and growth in the Christian life that more than balance the problems."

Bureau of Educational Institutions

Sager-Brown Home and Godman School, Baldwin, Louisiana—The dedicatory exercises of *Peck Hall*, the newly constructed dormitory for boys, was held in Trinity Methodist Church, Baldwin, on Sunday, January 27, 1952, at 2:30 P.M., with Mrs. Evelyn Thomas, superintendent of the home, presiding. Miss Rosa Ann Cobb, home missionary and principal of Godman School, made a historical statement and greetings were brought by Mrs. Inez Chrisentery and Mrs. Glenn Laskey, presidents of the Louisiana Conferences of the Central and South Central Jurisdictions. Rev. T. E. McElroy brought greetings for The Methodist Church, and Mrs. Charles W. Mead, chairman of the Building Committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service sent greetings.

Miss Muriel Day, executive secretary of the Bureau of Educational Institutions, and Mr. A. Eugene Cellar, architect, participated in the act of presentation. Rev. W. T. Handy, district superintendent, delivered the dedicatory address and performed the act of dedication.

Korea

In December, 1951, Florence Piper, R.N., and Thelma Maw, physiotherapist, returned to Korea, the first Methodist women missionaries to receive permission to go back. They are living temporarily in Chunju, and working with the Southern Presbyterian Hospital force there. A letter from Thelma tells of the cordial welcome they received and of the convenient and pleasant living arrangements. She continues, "Now, our work—there is plenty for all of us. Since physiotherapy is unknown here, I feared I would not be able to do much along that line, but the doctors are eager to learn all they can. The hospital is fixing a room in which I can work and is making some equipment. They have insisted that I begin immediately to train one of the nurses, so that when I leave the work will continue. We are having fun working out things for this department of the hospital.

"I have been given responsibility also for the nursery for orphan children in the hospital. That room is a favorite with all of us. We now have nineteen little ones.

"My second outside activity is going on the daily milk route to the refugee camps. Florence and I take a doctor along who checks on sick people while we give out the milk. It is pitiful to see the lines of children and adults waiting for the milk with every kind of container imaginable and some only half clean. (Perhaps it is their only bowl for everything, and there has been no water available to wash dishes.) With over 2,000 people in one camp, living conditions are terrible.

"There are two Methodist refugee churches in Chunju. We have been attending one and conducting an English Bible class on Sunday afternoons. One church group meets in a tent; it was packed with about seventy worshipers the day I visited them. The pastors are very good about visiting the refugees and have done a fine job getting their churches started.

"We met one of the Methodist chaplains at Kunsan. He has been wonderful about giving us things for our nursery children. The service boys are all so generous, too. All in all, we are enjoying our work."

Bureau of Medical Work

El Paso, Texas

"Houchen Settlement, where I live and work, is a part of Friendship Square which also includes Newark Maternity Hospital, Freeman Clinic, Houchen Day Nursery, and the El Buen Pastor Methodist Church. Our Square is in the midst of housing projects, tenements, and adobe huts in the Mexican section of south El Paso. My work, at present, is mostly with kindergarten and Girl Scouts. Three of us—all new and green, and non-Spanish speaking—have about forty five- and six-year-olds in the kindergarten. Most of the children spoke very little or no English at first, and we had quite a time understanding each other. The children are learning English fast. We aren't doing nearly so well with our Spanish.

"In kindergarten they have done some creative block building, finger painting, and dramatic play. And the teachers are learning that dough clay is good not only for 'making' pies and cakes but also for 'making' *tortillas, tacos*, and *enchiladas!*"

—DONNA STUMPENHAUS, U.S.-2

Japan

Marium Hansen, J-3, now in Tokyo, writes of her joy in hearing from one of her former Korean Bible class students in Hiroshima: 'I see he has made the decision to follow Christ—the first of that group. The matter of his illegal entry into Japan had bothered him for some time, but now he writes, 'I told them (the officials) all I knew and everything that I did. Now I am not shameful to God, Miss Hansen! What should I do then? But I trust God and believe God guided me where I am. Please don't wonder if I am going to church. I go every Sunday without fail, surmounting every obstacle.' To have gained this young man for Christ's Kingdom is worth the three hours I spent every Sunday, sitting through long Korean services when there was much that I did not understand."

Peck Hall, new dormitory for boys, Sager-Brown Home and Godman School, Baldwin, Louisiana

Bureau of Social Welfare

Summer Vacations

Deaconesses and Missionaries

Fenton Rest Home—for deaconesses only—no charge for lodging. Good cafeteria and tea-room service available.

Address Miss Cynthia Brooks, 331 College Street, Asheville, North Carolina, for reservations.

Chautauqua Missionary Home overlooking the lake—for deaconesses and missionaries (special rates), and other church workers.

Address Mrs. Charles H. Thomas, 133 Hamilton Drive, Snyder 21, New York, for reservations.

India

Stanley Girls' High School, Hyderabad, one of the oldest girls' schools in the Orient, recently dedicated a new building to be known as the Bishop Chitambar Memorial. The building contains several classrooms, but its main feature is a greatly needed auditorium which makes it possible for the 1,293 students and 60 staff members to assemble all at once. Present at the opening ceremony was the Honorable Sri M. K. Vellodi, Chief Minister of Hyderabad State, and presiding over the dedication service was Bishop S. K. Mondol, our own bishop of that area.

In her report, Miss Edith DeLima, principal, writes: "We are proud of the humble origin of our school, and because it has been built on the foundations of love, service, and sacrifice it will continue to serve others. All strata of society and all religions will find here a meeting place of fellowship, sound learning, and fun or this dearly won freedom will have been in vain. Our failures have been many but our blessings have been many, too, too numerous to mention here. Our former students are scattered far and wide and are found in every district of our state serving as teachers, doctors, nurses, health visitors, professors in colleges, principals of schools, and mothers in homes.

"The United States of America is responsible for the birth and growth of this school, and our government has greatly helped in its development. For fifty-five years the Methodist women of America have nurtured this institution carefully and lovingly. Faith and love have stretched their hands across continents and oceans, and have contributed lavishly with great self-denial and self-sacrifice."

From the *Methodist Mission in Bareilly,* Miss Murden Woods writes: "Last October I took part in a Youth Camp in the Delhi Conference area. About 190 were in attendance, including staff and counselors. The theme was 'Youth's Place in the Church.' It was most successful. Toward the end of the same month I had a part in our district conference. My two talks were translated by my friend, Rev. Mangal Singh. Some will remember him at institutes in Oregon in 1948. On the heels of this came our own Youth Camp, of which I was director. We had only 63, but that was an increase over last year. It was truly a fine camp. The theme, 'The Call to Christian Service,' emphasized vocations. We had Christian representatives from eight different professions. There is great need here for vocational guidance in helping youth see where and how they can serve Christ in many professions."

Bureau of Urban Work

Some Outstanding Needs of the Puerto Rican Work in New York City

1. *The Need for Intercultural and Interracial Cooperation*—Activities for all age groups should be intercultural and interracial. Such activities would help to develop an appreciation of the other groups' cultural heritage. The Puerto Rican people, speaking a different language and being unfamiliar with the customs, sense hostility on the part of those already living in the community, and they congregate in groups to protect themselves. Often, as in East Harlem, these groups become gangs which, through their

actions, develop further hostility between the cultural and racial groups in the area.

2. *The Need for Help with Individual Problems*—Because the Puerto Rican people are not familiar with the agencies able to help with specific problems, and because their lack of English hinders their attempt to seek help, a referral service is greatly needed. For example, a pregnant woman, her husband, and six children had been evicted. They had no money. Two of the children needed immediate medical attention. The family did not have proper winter clothing. The father's income of $50.00 a week was not enough to feed, clothe, and house a family of eight. After their plight was explained to the proper agencies, they obtained an apartment, food, and medical attention before night.

3. *The Need for Help in Preparing for the Future*—Many of the agencies working with the Puerto Ricans expressed concern over the large percentage of children who do not finish school and are not preparing themselves for any type of employment. There are several reasons for this situation. The parents, who are not active in school programs because of the language difficulty and who come from a culture where very few people go to school, do not see the need of encouraging the young people to stay in school.

In fact, parents often keep the older children out of school because these children are needed at home to serve as the go-between for their parents and the outside world, or they are needed to work to help with the family income. Another important factor is the language problem which the children themselves face. The children who enter the public school with no knowledge of English do not have an equal chance for a basic foundation in education. This lack keeps the children behind, and by the time they reach high school they have developed an inferiority complex and drop out of school. By dropping out of school, they protect themselves from a situation which they are not prepared to meet. The adults need to know about vocational high schols for their children and the value of having a high-school education in our society. At the same time, the children need help with their language problems before they start to school.

MRS. ELIZABETH HALL, *Worker*

Recently Miss Berta Engel completed twenty-five years of service at Marcy Center, Chicago, Illinois. The local board held a luncheon in her honor, at which the president, Mrs. James Oldshue, presented her with an orchid. Mrs. A. O. Aldrich made an appropriate speech, and gave Miss Engel a purse from the members of the board, past and present

Latin America
Brazil

Colegio Isabela Hendrix, Belo Horizonte—Recently Miss Verda Farrar completed twenty-five years of service in Brazil. In honor of the occasion, a picture of Miss Farrar was unveiled in Colegio Isabela Hendrix, of which Miss Farrar is principal. Following is the speech made by one of the faculty:

"October is a month which brings happy days to our beloved school. This happiness takes in the present moment when we, your co-workers and friends, are gathered to celebrate your twenty-five years of service in Brazil.

"Have you ever stopped to think, Miss Farrar, what twenty-five years can mean in the life of an individual? For some, existence, nothing more; for a chosen few, among whom you are to be counted, twenty-five years represents unselfish service, understanding, and successful work among the yout in a country which has becom yours by choice. In recognition your many fine qualities as an edu cator and friend, we unveil yo picture to honor your work alon with other benefactors who faithfully served this school.

"This is not a great gathering, b it bears witness to our sincere a preciation, your unassuming way your moral integrity, and yo leadership. I owe to you in a lar measure the formation of my cha acter and my success in teachin You, Miss Farrar, gave me encou agement and wise counsel durin my first years of teaching, whic were under your direction. Yo were responsible for my coming Belo Horizonte, and also, in a ce tain measure, for my marriage.

"Of the many fine qualities whic you possess, I wish to mention tw as being the secret of your success your serenity and your keen sen of humor. Nineteen years ago wrote an article about our scho in Ribeirão Preto, when you we the principal. I used the ter *sweet lady* to describe you. It as applicable today as it was the and will be applicable twenty-fiv years from now. Be assured, Mi Farrar, that you are an executiv calm and deliberate, who neith raises nor alters the voice to issu a command or to reprimand a stu dent. A fine quality which I shoul like to possess. The victory is those who exercise self-control.

"Ten years ago I greeted you o your birthday in the name of ou faculty and made a reference to th trees of *Bilac* and said you gro old smiling. That should not worr you, you are not aging, only follow ing the course of all life; alway cheerful and optimistic with a understanding heart, open to a who seek you. May you always b thus, growing older with a smil courageously giving hope and en thusiasm to the youth, so malad justed in our day. Accept ou homage today in the knowledg that each one is your friend, read to cooperate with you in the on going success of our beloved Colegi Isabela Hendrix."

Working Together

The Inquiring Reporter

Covers an Assignment on Cooperation in Foreign Missions

REPORTER: **Recently through interviews [1] I learned about the Interdivision Committee on Work in Home Fields. Now I want to find out about cooperation in Foreign Missions. First of all, let us be sure we understand our terminology. Miss Robinson, would you like to define the *Division* of Foreign Missions and the *Department* of Work in Foreign Fields?**

MISS ROBINSON: The Board of Missions and Church Extension conducts its work through four divisions each charged with a special responsibility. The Division of Foreign Missions represents The Methodist Church as a whole in carrying on the program of foreign missions. The Woman's Division of Christian Service has three departments, one being the Department of Work in Foreign Fields which, as the name implies, has responsibility for the work of the Woman's Division in foreign fields.

REPORTER: **Is there any duplication in the programs?**

MISS MACKINNON: There is no duplication. The Foreign Department of the Woman's Division supplements the program of the Division of Foreign Missions through its special emphasis on work with women and children. This work is carried on through schools, medical services, social projects, the training of Christian lay leaders and by women assigned to do evangelistic work in connection with and under the supervision of the church on the field.

[1] Page 18, February issue.

REPORTER: **I note that paragraph 1199 of the *Discipline* provides for an Interdivision Committee on Foreign Work. Does that meet regularly?**

MISS COLONY: Yes. We have scheduled meetings once a month, and twice a year we spend two or three days together considering all lines of work; going over policies and programs.

MISS MACKINNON: And in between meetings, there are frequent consultations between the secretaries of each field.

REPORTER: **Do you share equally in the support of the work?**

MISS LEE: In some pieces of work we share equally. The Division of Foreign Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields each make contributions to different phases of the work. It is not always necessary or expedient for the two divisions to share equally in the financial support of all the work. Each contributes according to its ability and according to the type of work for which it is best suited. Missionaries are sent by both divisions to the church on the field. In most cases, the missionaries are assigned by the bishop to fill a special need within the projects supported by the division which sent the missionary to the field. However, when needed, missionaries of one division serve in projects supported by the other division.

REPORTER: **Paragraph 1199 refers to Field Committees. What is a Field Committee?**

MISS BILLINGSLEY: The Field Committee is composed of equal representation from the two divisions and from the national church. This committee of missionaries and national leaders looks at the total picture, considers the priorities and needs, and sends the askings to America. Each division meets the requests as it is able and according to its particular responsibility. It is not necessary that each body contribute to each project, or on an equal basis to the work. Some of the best results in cooperation occur when one division takes the entire responsibility for one piece of work, and the other division takes responsibility for a different piece.

MISS COLONY: Just as each member of a family makes his special contribution toward the support, fellowship, education, and unity of the family group, so each division makes its unique contribution.

REPORTER: **I see. Then in general the Division of Foreign Missions takes responsibility for the total church program of foreign missions, while the Woman's Division through the Department of Work in Foreign Fields is recognized as having a particular responsibility for work with women and children. I wish we had time for specific illustrations.**

MISS MACKINNON: I could give you plenty, for in Africa the work of the Division of Foreign Missions and that of the Woman's Division of Christian Service is closely integrated, the two divisions sharing in nearly all projects.

ALL SECRETARIES *(in chorus)*: Each one of us could give several specific illustrations.

Missionary Personnel

Miss Marguerite Twinem, former missionary to China, was elected as secretary of Missionary Personnel at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Miss Twinem began her duties on March 1. She had been serving as director of religious education at Riverside, California.

WANTED

Urgent requests have come from several sources in India, and I should like to specify these needs in the hope that we shall be able to find missionaries to fill them.

1. Someone who can take over the business work at the hospital in Bidar, India (Hyderabad Conference).

2. Laboratory technician, with experience, for the School of Laboratory Technicians, Clara Swain Hospital, Bareilly, India.

3. An experienced high school educator to become principal of a high school for girls in Pakistan at Hyderabad, Sind.

4. A student worker for Bombay to succeed Betty Johnson, I-3, who comes on furlough in 1952. Another youth worker for Calcutta to succeed Georgana Falb, I-3. Another youth worker to succeed Murden Woods, I-3.

5. An experienced high school principal to succeed Irma Collins, Calcutta girls' high school, who comes on furlough, January, 1953.

6. Nutritionist, qualified for research in foods, to work with the government through Isabella Thoburn College to improve diets in North India.

These are just some of our *immediate* needs. We must have more missionaries for India.

LUCILE COLONY,
Executive Secretary

U.S.-2

I was well into my senior year when I read publicity on the U.S.-2 plan of the Woman's Division. It sounded so interesting I wrote for more information. Would there be a place for someone with my general home economics and sociology background? Apparently there was and after filling out many applications and questionnaires, I was accepted.

But it is difficult to say that this was when I decided to become a U.S.-2. It seems to me the important decision came during MYF institutes and Wesley Foundation retreats. At camp, surrounded by so much natural beauty, God seemed very close. It was at one of those high moments that I gave my life to Christ and His church.

My first experience as a U.S.-2 was a five-weeks' excellent training period at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee. In September I began my work in the Wesley Community House, Danville, Virginia, where I felt at home from the beginning.

Located in one of the poorer sections of the city, Wesley House provides a day nursery, kindergarten, playground, and club activities. *Club Worker* is my official title and I have about six groups of different ages and interests. My Girl Scouts are planning a candlelight service for the day they receive their pins. The primary boys thoroughly enjoy baking cookies. Aside from my clubs, there are other duties—office work, visiting, playground supervision, and helping in other activities.

Responsibilities rest heavily and problems are frequent, but life is never dull and I thoroughly enjoy my work here. I'm especially fond of "my" children, and pray that I may be of some help to them as I work to give them fuller, richer lives.

—HELEN STANSFIELD

In Memoriam

Miss Gertrude Mildred Cone, missionary in Nanchang, Kiang Province, China, died in Hongkon on Wednesday, February 20.

Suffering from cancer and malnu trition, Miss Cone arrived on stretcher in Hongkong on Februar 18 after obtaining permission fro the communists to leave Nanchan It was reported that she had soug for seven months to leave Kiang Province to secure medical trea ment, but a travel permit was re fused until too late to save her lif Her associates were not permitte to send her funds or other aid Bishop Ralph Ward cabled, "He memory is blessed beyond word Her spirit was truly saintly."

Miss Cone was born in Genev Ohio, on May 19, 1901. Educate at Geneva High School and Ohi Wesleyan University, she was high school teacher in London, Ohi when commissioned in 1929 fo missionary educational service i China.

Miss May Hixson passed awa on January 30, 1952, at August Georgia. Miss Hixson was a mis sionary in China for twenty year

Miss Ellie D. Tydings, a retire Mexico missionary, died Januar 26.

Miss Augusta Nelson, for man years a contract teacher in Cub died February 12.

China News

Miss Pearl B. Fosnot, of Schuy ler, Nebraska, missionary on th faculty of West China Union Uni versity, Chengtu, Szechuan Prov ince, arrived in Hongkong on Feb ruary 17.

Only three Methodist mission aries—two men and one woman— are now behind the communist iro curtain in China.

The Child As the World's Best Hope for Peace

By KATHARINE F. LENROOT

Recently retired chief of the United States Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Harmon

THE topic assigned to me requires consideration of the significance of the two concepts, "child" and "peace!"

In the first half of the nineteenth century, children were thought of as abridged editions of adults. Today we understand that the child has his own special attributes, and that the period of childhood has value in itself as well as in preparation for the maturity which years should bring. Within the span of infancy, the preschool period, the school age, and adolescence, the human being is highly adaptable and has open to him many different choices, to be narrowed and confined within limits as his life pattern develops. It is for this reason, as well as because of the fact that this span of years extends beyond the life expectancy of the mature, that the child is commonly regarded as carrying within himself the future of the race. Childhood, moreover, is viewed as the period for which the family and other social institutions have the greatest degree of responsibility.

For children, Jesus was concerned that they have ready access to Him and to God's love, for "of such is the kingdom of heaven." His most terrible warning to adults had reference to the fate of those who "should offend one of these little ones." (Luke 17:2.)

Potentialities

The Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth gave recognition to the fact that babies have within themselves, save in rare instances, all potentialities for a healthy personality. The question is, how can the family and other social institutions give every baby his full chance to realize these potentialities through the various stages of childhood and adolescence, and become a fully healthy, mature adult?

Many people responsible for health and welfare services to children, for educational, recreational, and vocational programs, and for programs of church and character-building agencies, had not heretofore thought of the growing child in the terms outlined for the conference by Erik Homburger Erikson, for example. According to this formulation, the child at each stage in his development has a central problem to be solved. These problems come in definite sequence, and children are especially vulnerable to certain changes, such as separation from their parents, at particular periods in this sequence. The implications of this concept for programs of adoption, foster-home placement, day care, homemaker service, are obvious. Churches and other agencies working with children and young people need to be aware of the stages of personality development they have reached and the success or failure they have encountered in developing first of all a sense of trust, then a sense of their own autonomy, later capacity for initiative and a sense of accomplishment. Those working with adolescents need to understand the extent to which they have achieved a feeling of their own identity, of their place in family and community, the ability to enter into intimate relations of friendship and love, and finally the sense of responsibility for that which they have generated, and the integrity that makes all of life purposeful and whole.

Central Focus

In tracing these stages in the child's development, the conference considered the meaning of such conditions as poverty, discrimination, and prejudice. It also reviewed the implications of the insights into child development contributed by many different sciences and professions, for religious and secular agencies whose programs are directed toward the well-being of children and young people. The central focus of the conference rested on its conviction of "the primacy of spiritual values, democratic practice, and the dignity and worth of every individual."

The conference enlisted the active participation of many church groups and organizations, including the various agencies of The Methodist Church. Its fact-finding report and the proceedings of the conference itself included significant material on the meaning of religion in the lives of children, and the implications of the conference for churches and for agencies conducted under religious auspices. These and other organizations are cooperating actively in the follow-up program of the conference. Their efforts are being coordinated through the Advisory Council on Participation of National Organizations, which held a two-day meeting in New York on November

27 and 28, 1951, and through participation in state and local activities.

Full Development

The objectives of the follow-up program, as outlined by the National Midcentury Committee for Children and Youth, include the following:

1. Disseminating the findings of the conference
2. Stimulating action on its Recommendations and Pledge to Children
3. Promoting research designed to fill the gaps in knowledge which the conference has brought to light

These aims are to be pursued in the light of the principles adopted by the conference as its concensus. The first of these principles is that the full development of the whole child is the basic philosophy and ultimate aim of all recommendations.

One of the most significant impressions growing out of the White House Conference experience was that adults, themselves, must incorporate more fully into their own lives the ideals and purposes that are central to efforts in behalf of children, if they are to be more effective in helping children and young people to work out these ideals and purposes.

In considering the question of the full development of the whole child, we have to give attention to the basic aims and purposes of American culture in general, and of the variety of subcultural groups within the nation, the values Americans hold dear, the relationship between individual freedom and social cohesion which they seek to develop, and their conceptions of the role of our nation and our people in world affairs. These concepts and purposes must be understood, evaluated, and modified as required by the realities and possibilities of our age and the eternal values and standards with which religion and ethics are concerned.

Healthy Personality

We understand that body, mind, and spirit are intertwined within the whole person, and that it is impossible to draw a line between the material and the spiritual. The healthy personality is developed through the material concerns of feeding, warmth, and cuddling, as well as through the more abstract conceptions of goodness, truth, beauty, God, developed in later years. Similarly, the dignity and freedom of the human personality are attributes both of the inner life and of the impact of that life on personal property, the owning and beautifying of a home, the earning of an income, the relationships developed with other human beings, and the activities carried on through social institutions—the church, for example.

Physical Well Being

In the history of efforts to improve the conditions surrounding and influencing child life, some of these factors have been emphasized at the expense of others. An important objective of the child welfare movement in the past half century has been that every child, so far as possible, have his chance to be in good physical health, well fed, well clothed, and well housed. Important as these aims are, and numerous as are the children, even in this richest country in the world, who suffer serious deprivation in regard to them, they constitute only one element in the development of healthy personality.

Emotional Security

We are now placing special emphasis on the importance for each child of a warm, secure relationship with a mother and a father who have attained, themselves, a degree of emotional security and stability, and are able to give the child their love without being overly possessive or protective. These elements are lacking in many children in our variegated, highly driven, tense, and mobile populations. Frequently the parents have no possibility of supplementing what they, themselves, can give their children by the love and personal care of grandparents and other relatives. We must do far more than we now do in applyi the knowledge available to us co cerning how emotional health established, and in adding to th knowledge. Yet physical we being and emotional security, i portant as they are, are not enou for the full development of t child's capacities and powers.

Adequate Preparation

Recently a college student ask me whether I thought young peop were given adequate preparati for the world responsibilities th would have to exercise. He cit the lack of information concerni the history and characteristics the Russian, the Asiatic, the A rican, and the Latin-Americ peoples, among many young peop with high-school and college ed cations. The vast range of know edge in the physical, natural, a social sciences, and in history a literature, which is needed as basis for living and acting intel gently and creatively in the wor today, demands that the most se ous consideration be given to t extension for many and the bett utilization for all, of well-round educational opportunity.

Religious Faith

More important, however, tha all these components of health personality are a sense of missi transcending one's own narrow i terests; the feeling of belonging a community or a people devot to truth, righteousness, and justic enjoyment of art, intellectual di covery, and philosophy; and abo all, an experience of religion being at the heart and center of lif For so many young people who physical needs are met and w have had the blessing of war human relationships, life seem somehow, to lack meaning and t future to lack hope. This is due part to the pressure of the wor situation upon the lives of all, a particularly upon the young. A aggravating factor is the likelihoo of military service with all that means in postponement of educa tion or establishment in a vocatio delay in marriage and the foundi

a family, risk to life and limb, ıd submission to highly regi- ented experience. Of great sig- ficance, moreover, is the rapidity change in our time, and the fact ıat none of us can foresee what ɔung people in their lives will be ılled upon to bear and to do. It is matter for the highest religious ıith and the deepest religious in- ɔiration to face an unknown future ith confidence in ourselves and in od. Yet just at this juncture, hen such religious experience is eeded as never before in history, eligion is peripheral, not central, ı the lives of many of us.

Function of Church

It is the particular function of ıurch bodies to consider the ways ı which religious faith may be rengthened and deepened, so as ɔ constitute in this highly perilous orld a sure support for the young s well as a refuge for the middle- ged and the old. But they have nother function: to examine all ɔcial programs and proposals in ıe light of their effect upon the ɔtal development of the free erson. This task is of prime nportance, for the essence of hristianity is the relation between loving God and a free human ɔirit capable, because he is free, f apprehending in some measure nd responding in some degree to od's love. History has told us of ıen like Paul, free though in chains ɔ love God and their fellow men. listory also bears witness to the tultifying effect of preoccupation ith the material aspects of life at ıe expense of the spiritual.

Christ said: "Seek ye first the ingdom of God, and his righteous- ess; and all these things shall be dded unto you." The kingdom f God, moreover, Jesus said, "is ithin you." Security, in His hilosophy, was not a social pro- ram but a spiritual achievement. his is not to say that material se- urity and social programs are nimportant. Abraham owned his ocks, and Joseph's brethren had o receive succor from the granaries f Egypt, as essential stages in the development of the Hebrew race. The question is, through what means, at what cost, and at what sacrifice of other values is the aim of material security, whether individual or social, pursued?

Raise Questions

Problems presented by ways in which "the profit motive" has been pursued under so-called free enterprise capitalism have been the concern of many church people. (It has to be recognized, of course, that we cannot have competition and free enterprise without risk, and that people will not take economic risk unless the incentive of the possibility of profit is present.) Have sufficiently searching questions been raised by church people about the dangers of planned economy under government controls, and the point at which large programs of financial benefits to individuals and groups may jeopardize the capacity of representative government to serve the interests of all? How much government, exercising what functions, with what volume of public expenditures, is compatible with economic freedom? How far can limitations upon economic freedom be applied without drying up the springs by which the growth of the free human personality is watered?

Unqualified material security can never be anything but an illusion. It is jeopardized by unemployment, by inflation, by the risks of war. It is clear that this is an age calling for courage, daring, high adventure, and plenty of plain, ordinary guts. How well are we preparing young people for life in such an age? How willing are we to encourage them to take the risks that must be taken? How strong is our own faith in them and in God?

In raising these questions, we face the danger of seeming to be willing to have young people make sacrifices and take risks, while we, ourselves, hug the fire, surrounded by material possessions and preoccupied with material pursuits. We are willing to vote more, proportionately, of public funds for the care of the aged than for the rearing of children deprived of parental support. The rapid aging of the population due to increased life expectancy presents great risks that our country, once imbued with the spirit of the pioneer, may reflect the psychology of the infirm and the dependent, or those who fear dependency.

As freedom can be stultified by preoccupation with the material, so it can be starved by deprivation of opportunity to develop that surplus energy, that feeling of wholeness and adequacy, that seems in most people to be necesary to creative work. It will take a tremendous outpouring of concern for one's neighbor and one's neighbor's children, whether next door or 2,000 miles away, to make it possible for every child to have his full chance for the health and vigor of the whole personality that undergirds so much of courageous and creative living. To find ways in which this concern can best be channeled is one of the greatest challenges to citizens inherent in the White House Conference and its follow-up program.

Channels of Action

If personal security is primarily a personal achievement, so world peace is essentially the fruit of inner experience. Santayana speaks of the "peace of moral extinction." This is the Nirvana of oriental religions. "Between the nothings," Santayana says, "there is eternal peace; but between two somethings, if they come within range of each other, there is always danger of war." [1] Yet international war, in the present stage of technological advance, would make two nothings out of two somethings, so the last state would be as bad as the first. What, then, are we to do?

First, we must be willing to be something in the world, even at the risk of war. Now to be something other than the world's policeman, the world's banker, or the world's technician, leads us back to the development of human personality,

[1] George Santayana, *Dominations and Powers*, p. 449. Used by permission of Charles Scribner's Sons, Publishers.

for on this earth only the human being is a vehicle for spirit. Our children are our best hope to be something in a world that should make it possible for human beings to grow and develop in freedom and dignity and in relation to God and to their fellow men.

Second, we cannot usurp the role of the Creator with regard to the other races and peoples of mankind, for only God made man in his own image. It seems to be a part of the Divine plan that there be infinite diversity in cultural experience, that what is one man's meat is another man's poison. In his book, *American Diplomacy, 1900-1950,* George F. Kennan, soon to be our Ambassador to the United States of Soviet Russia, says:

"We have never really thought through the full connotations of our domestic practices and habits of thought for our relations with the peoples of Asia. No people can be the judge of another's domestic institutions and requirements, and we have no need to be apologetic to anyone, unless it be ourselves, for the things we do and the arrangements we enforce within our own country. But it would seem that a nation which admits that its own capacity for assimilation is limited, once you get beyond the peoples of Caucasian origin, should observe a special reserve in its dealings with other peoples and its hopes for intimacy of association with them." [2]

It is essential, if these aims are to be pursued in international relations, that we do not try to impose our patterns of thought and action on other peoples, that we exercise restraint and understanding in our dealings with them, and that all programs be directed and carried on by people with understanding of and sympathy for the values and aspirations of other cultures than their own.

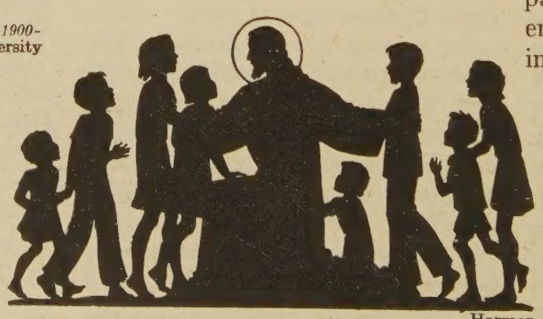
Such an approach to international relations is far from being isolationist. It requires a much greater effort to understand, enjoy, and share with other peoples than we have ever before developed in this young country of ours. Nor does it ignore the perils and dilemmas of the situation in which we and the other free nations find ourselves with respect to Soviet power. Neither the Americanizing of the world, nor the abandoning of the world to totalitarian concepts, should be our aim. Rather, it should be to recognize the legitimate interests and aspirations of our own and other peoples, and to help to establish rich and varied human relations within the world. To this end we have many channels of action at our disposal which must be cherished and utilized—the United Nations and its specialized agencies, the great missionary endeavors, the work of many nongovernmental agencies, and above all, the establishment of close personal relationships, wherever possible, with those of other lands.

In the development of means for international cooperation in the furtherance of human welfare, we need to beware of uncritical reliance on legalistic measures. This point has been stressed by Kennan in the book to which reference has been made. The attempt to translate the concepts of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into the binding obligation of a treaty is a case in point. How can the states that would be expected to sign the Covenant of Human Rights bind themselves to the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living and the continuous improvement of living conditions? Suppose we should have a period of severe unemployment in this country. Would we feel that complaints of our citizens concerning retrogression in their standard of living should be subject to international review as a violation of a treaty which, by its nature, became the supreme law of the land?

The first amendment to the United States Constitution forbids Congress to make any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. The Human Rights Covenant now before the General Assembly of the United Nations states in Article 18 that "Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. . . . Freedom to manifest one's religion shall be subject only to such limitations as are pursuant to law, and are reasonable and necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals, or the fundamental freedoms and rights of others." The effect of these qualifications on our Constitutional safeguards respecting freedom of religion should receive careful consideration by the churches.

These are difficult and complicated questions with which we are called upon to deal. Let us utilize every resource available to us for their objective study and evaluation. Only as we ourselves are willing to use all our powers of reason, of feeling, and of faith in facing the problems of the world shall we be able, through love and through example, to bring up children and young people whose capacities for creative living will enable them to advance true peace in their time.

[2] George F. Kennan, *American Diplomacy 1900-1950,* p. 53. Used by permission of The University of Chicago Press.



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SEPTEMBER **Program—"O Tell Ye the Story"**

Promotion: If district or subdistrict meetings are scheduled for the fall, secure a large representation.

Missionary Education: Attend the district educational seminar.

Student Work: Plan recognition of students leaving for college.

Youth Work:[1] Urge the World Friendship Group of Girls to begin their regular meetings to study the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Literature and Publications: Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. Make a drive for subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Status of Women: Suggest one qualified woman for nomination to a civic or church board or committee from your local church.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Cooperate with the Woman's Society in planning an evening meeting designed for all women of the church.

Program Committee: Distribute *My Date Book* which includes program calendar. Plan for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, October 25-31.

OCTOBER Program—Home Missions Winning Human Rights

Missionary Education: Begin or continue the study, "Home Missions and Human Rights." Cooperate with secretary of Literature and Publications in making and displaying posters of pictures clipped from THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Use suggested plans related to "The Child—the World's Best Hope for Peace," found in THE METHODIST WOMAN, April, 1952, and September, 1952.

Children's Work: Enlist cooperation of Council of Children's Workers to include missionary education in the year's program.

Spiritual Life: Responsibility for Quiet Day during Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, October 25-31.

Supply Work: Pack a Christmas box according to askings for the Home Mission institutions of the Woman's Division.

NOVEMBER **Program—"By a New and Living Way"**

Treasurer: Send second quarter's receipts by November 5.

Missionary Education: Begin detailed planning for "Preface to Bible Study."

Christian Social Relation and Local Church Activities: Plan with other groups and agencies for special observance of Human Rights Day, December 10, giving special attention to A Charter of Racial Policies for the Woman's Division (see THE METHODIST WOMAN, April, 1952, and October, 1952).

Student Work: Ask women to entertain overseas students and Crusade Scholars during holidays.

Spiritual Life: Cooperate in observance of World Peace Sunday, November 9.

Program Committee: Make detailed plans for next quarter's programs and the study on Africa.

All Officers Except Treasurer: Fill out third quarter's reports to be mailed by secretary of Promotion.

MARCH **Program—The Vision from Bingahura**

Promotion: If district or subdistrict meetings are scheduled for the spring, secure large representation including new members.

Missionary Education: Begin study on "Africa."

Children's Work: Participate in plans for the study of missionary units in closely graded courses during April and May.

Literature and Publications: Order promotional materials to be used on Officers' Training Day.

APRIL **Program—"Have Thine Own Way"**

Treasurer: Call a meeting of Finance Committee to prepare the 1953-54 budget. Urge all members to complete pledge payments.

Supply Work: Present Supply Work needs for Foreign Mission institutions of the Woman's Division and take a cash offering.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Plan to send delegates to Guild Week-end or Summer School of Missions and Christian Service.

MAY Program—"God's Plan—All One Family"—Pledge Service

General: Adopt budget; elect and install officers; plan for representation at Summer School of Missions; change circle memberships.

President: Give a report of year's work. Plan for Officers' Training Day.

Treasurer: Send fourth quarter's receipts *including all available funds* by May 10.

Promotion: Send list of officers to district secretary of Promotion. Assist president in setting up Officers' Training Day. Check the society's record with Goal Chart.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Have a special meeting of your committee to take stock of the past year's work and plan emphases for the coming months. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN, April, 1953.)

Youth Work: Inspire youth to plan for a dedication service, when new Methodist Youth Fund pledges will be made. Assist secretary of Student Work in entertaining high-school seniors.

Children's Work: Make plans to attend a leadership or laboratory school.

Spiritual Life: Cooperate in plans to observe National Family Week.

Literature and Publications: Order Program and Worship Books for 1953-54. Secure subscriptions.

Program Committee: Plan programs in detail for next quarter.

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[1] Reprints of "A Calendar of Activities for Missions in the MYF" printed annually in the September issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, are available from Miss Helen L. Johnson, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

[2] Order from 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

[3] *A Calendar for Secretaries of Student Work* is available. For World Student Day of Prayer material, write to United Student Christian Council, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

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